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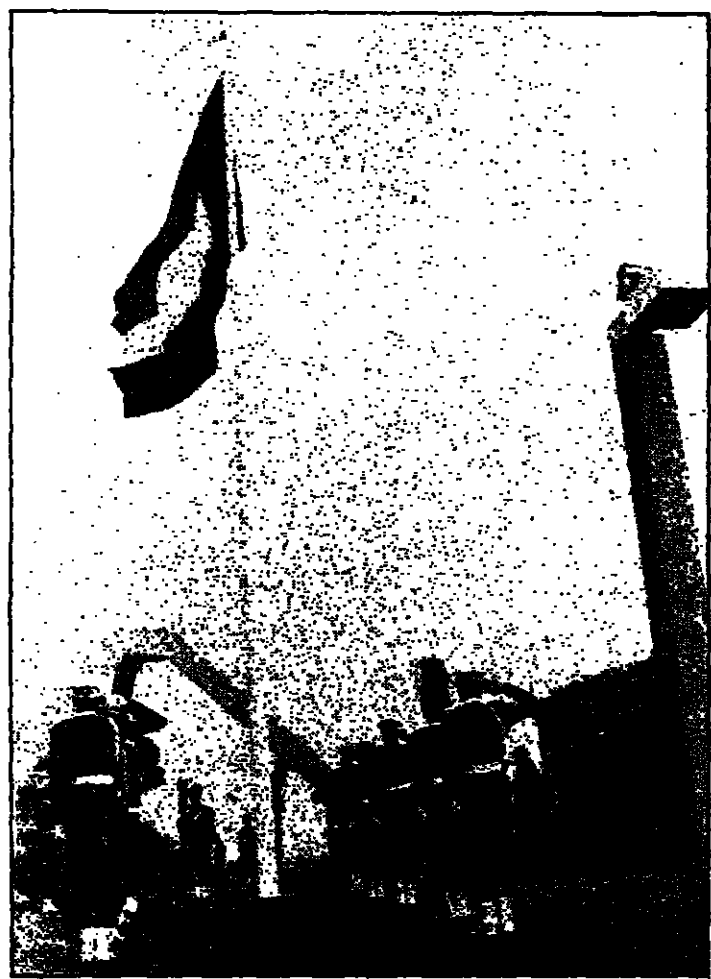
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The national flag being hoisted.

National Day celebrations begin

By Lima Al Khalafawi

KUWAIT'S national flag was hoisted yesterday at the Green Island to mark the beginning of celebrations for the 28th National Day.

The ceremony was attended by the Information Minister and Chairman of the Committee for National Day Celebrations, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad.

A colourful parade was held before the spectators, with drums beating announcing the start of the festivities.

Young students from various schools performed dances wearing the traditional costumes of different countries.

White doves carrying Kuwaiti flags were released during the ceremony.

Frogmen carried out a mock raid on a port.

Numerous spectators praised government authorities and private companies which took part in the celebrations.

Concluding the day's festivities was a fireworks display, which lit up and decorated the sky beautifully.

Sheikh Jaber Mubarak told reporters that the National Day "reminds us of the difficult days through which the nation has passed."

"For this reason we have to celebrate the National Day of Kuwait," he added.

Disrupted
Traffic along the Gulf Road was disrupted and a long line of cars held up. Policemen faced some difficulty in maintaining the flow of traffic. Parking space was hard to come by. Many people had to park far away and walked for as much as half an hour to reach Green Island in time to enjoy the celebrations.

Rushdie death threat 'irrevocable'

LONDON, Feb 22, (Agencies): Iran's deputy foreign minister said yesterday Iran would pay any price to defend its demand that novelist Salman Rushdie be punished according to Islamic law.

As ambassadors and diplomats of the 12-nation European Economic Community pulled out of Tehran over Iranian calls that Rushdie be killed for writing his book *The Satanic Verses*, the minister Mohammad Javad Larijani, said:

"We will pay any price — this should be very clear. We have many capabilities and such pressures will not force us to raise our hands (and surrender)."

Worth
"We will have to pay a price, but it's worth it."

"The West should not have any doubts. We are very determined in defending the reputation of Islam and the prophet (PBUH)," he said in an interview with the national news agency IRNA.

But he denied Iran had dispatched death squads to carry out the order to kill Rushdie announced by the country's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Khomeini.

In Belgrade, visiting Iranian President Ali Khamenei told a news conference an arrow of retribution was heading for Rushdie.

An Iranian official clarified Khamenei's remark made in Farsi: "He said an arrow is travelling towards the heart of the blasphemous Rushdie. He must be killed."

Khomeini first ordered the 41-year-old British author's death on Feb 14. Rushdie, born into an Indian Muslim family in Bombay, has remained in hiding in Britain under police protection.

Khomeini today dismissed any idea that Western sanctions would halt the death call.

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Palestinians ready to revise charter

PLO seeks direct talks with Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb 22, (AP): In a rare direct appeal to Israel, a top PLO official offered today to negotiate changes in the Palestinian National Charter which calls for the destruction of Israel.

Salah Khalaf, Yasser Arafat's No. 2 man, sat beside a large Palestinian flag as he spoke on a videotape smuggled into Israel and screened at a Middle East peace symposium in Jerusalem.

Khalaf, known by his nom de guerre Abu Iyad, also called for immediate direct talks between Israel and the PLO to settle the conflict. He said such negotiations would not have to be preceded by an international conference.

The offer marked a change from previous PLO demands that a settlement be worked out in an international Middle East peace conference.

Assured
He also assured his audience that the PLO recognised Israel and deplored violence.

"We have arrived at a truth that we hope the Israeli leaders will arrive at before it is too late. This is the truth which says that two peoples and two states must co-exist in this land," Khalaf said in the emotional address.

He spoke in Arabic, and reporters were provided with a written English translation.

Referring to the Palestinian National Charter, he said: "All other matters are open to discussion. Our covenant and yours can be discussed."

The 15-minute videotape was screened at a symposium on the Arab-Israeli conflict organised by the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East, a private Tel Aviv think tank headed by former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban of the Labour Party.

The unusual direct appeal followed demands by liberal Israelis that the PLO deal directly with Israel instead of seeking Western support for its positions. The United States opened a dialogue with the PLO last December after Arafat recognised Israel and renounced terrorism.

"The people of Israel have a fear that Arafat is addressing Europe and the US State Department, and not the real or imaginary fears of the Israeli people," Shlomo Avineri, an Israeli political scientist, told the symposium earlier today. "I hope he (Arafat) will one day talk to our people."

Refusal
But Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir reiterated his refusal to negotiate with the PLO which he considers a terrorist organisation.

"I see it (the PLO) as a stumbling block on the road to peace, a very serious obstacle," he said on Israel Army radio in a telephone interview from Paris.

Shamir has also rejected an international conference, saying such a forum would be biased against Israel.

In what appeared to be a conciliatory gesture, Khalaf offered to forgo an international conference prior to direct negotiations.

"We believe in direct meetings, we are ready for such meetings, and we say it publicly. Let the Israelis come and meet us secretly, openly or in any other way. We are anxious for such a meeting," Khalaf said.

"What is important for us is that these meetings and contacts and dialogues take place in advance of the conference so that the conference itself becomes the form in which to bring our agreement to fruition," he said.

Liberal and leftist Israeli legislators have met in recent weeks with PLO officials abroad and with Faisal Hussein, a prominent PLO supporter in Jerusalem.

Khalaf also sought to allay widespread Israeli suspicions, including fears that the PLO is bent on destroying Israel and has not abandoned terrorism.

Shevardnadze holds talks with Arens, Arafat
Soviets, Israel differ on peace policies

CAIRO, Feb 22, (Reuters): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze today straddled the bitter divide between Israel and the PLO in intensive, but separate talks with their leaders.

Shevardnadze put to Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens Moscow's proposal for an international conference on Middle East peace against Israel's repeated rejection and insistence on direct talks with the Arabs.

Six hours later — after Arens had left Egypt — the Soviet minister went into his first talks in 10 months with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat at the Soviet embassy's Nile-side residence in Cairo's Dokki suburb.

Israel and the PLO are not on talking terms and, though Arens and Arafat overlapped in Cairo by about two hours, they did not meet.

Drive
Shevardnadze's Cairo talks, on the third leg of a five-nation tour, marked the high-point of the Kremlin's biggest Middle East peace drive since Mikhail Gorbachev came to power.

The Soviet foreign minister and Arens differed on peace policies during their three hours of talks. But they established a new working relationship between their governments after more than 20 years of estrangement since Moscow cut relations over the 1967 Middle East war.

Experts from the two countries will meet, possibly within days, to pinpoint differences and "to identify ways for interaction wherever possible," Shevardnadze said.

Describing their talks as "an open, frank and honest dialogue," he said: "I cannot say we have come to a solution of all these (Middle East) problems but it would be naive to expect that."

Vital
Calling for collective peace efforts, Shevardnadze said Israeli goodwill and Soviet involvement were vital elements of a Middle East solution.

"Without goodwill on the part of Israel, there can be no solution (Continued on Page 2)

DAY BY DAY
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Three-stage plan proposed to end Lebanese crisis

KUWAIT, Feb 22, (Agencies): An Arab League committee sought a way out of Lebanon's political crisis today by linking new presidential elections with political reform demanded by the Muslim majority.

Lebanese sources said the committee discussed how to end political chaos in Lebanon and elect a new president after hearing the separate views of six religious leaders yesterday.

Torn by civil war for nearly 14 years, Lebanon has no president, two rival governments and a paralysed parliament since former President Amin Gemayel's term ended last September.

The committee, chaired by Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and including the foreign ministers of Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Algeria,

Sudan and Tunisia, held a first round of talks with Lebanon's two rival prime ministers and the parliamentary speaker last month in Tunis.

The Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) announced the committee will meet with "two key Lebanese political figures" here on Mar 17-18 for the third stage of their effort to end the 14-year civil war.

KUNA did not name the two leaders. But it added that the March meeting will be the start of the mediators' contacts with "effective figures on the Lebanese arena."

Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, who heads the mediation panel, said the third round of discussions would be with the leaders of the rival Lebanese militias.

The committee held a brief closing session with leaders

representing the Maronite, Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Sunni and Shiite Muslim, and Druze religious groups.

"The state Lebanon has reached has become frightening and disintegration heralds danger if steps are not taken quickly and seriously," Sheikh Sabah told the leaders.

The sources said the committee was working on a plan under which Lebanese factions would first agree on the broad outlines of reform to the country's Christian-dominated sectarian political system.

Parliament would then meet to elect a speaker and subsequently adopt the reforms and elect a new president at the same session.

The president would appoint a prime minister in accordance with the constitution and his government would press for the

withdrawal of Syrian and Israeli troops, the sources said.

Syria, which has some 25,000 troops deployed over two-thirds of Lebanon, is the major power broker in the war-torn country.

More than 1,000 Israeli troops supported by 3,500 of their South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia allies man a strip in southern Lebanon to prevent infiltration of Israel's northern border.

Muslim leaders have long demanded a greater share of political power and action to remove the Israeli soldiers.

The Christian Lebanese Forces (LF) militia leader Samir Geagea and Army commander Major-General Michel Aoun, who heads an interim military government, have urged Syrian troops to withdraw from the capital before any political initiatives.

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Secret tunnel

ROME, Feb. 22, (AP): Police divers discovered a secret tunnel under a prison block where scores of leftist terrorist suspects are scheduled to be kept soon during their trial, authorities reported today.

Police said the tunnel was more than six metres (20 feet) long and ended about 20 metres (60 feet) short of an outside wall of Rebibbia prison, on the outskirts of Rome.

Police recently began scrutinising the prison compound to prepare for the arrival of alleged members of the Red Brigades and other leftist terrorist groups, who are going on trial.

Winnie Mandela

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 22, (Reuters): South African black nationalist Winnie Mandela is battling to salvage some of her former political standing after two of her bodyguards appeared in court today charged with murdering a 14-year-old boy.

The trainer and one member of the self-styled "Mandela United Football Club" appeared briefly before Soweto magistrates accused of abducting and beating three youths, and of killing one of them, Stompie Seipei.

Mandela acknowledges that her followers took the boys from a Methodist church-run shelter in December.

Khomeini attacks liberals in Iran

NICOSIA, Feb. 22, (AP): Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini lashed out today at what he called the liberals in the government of the Islamic republic, saying he would not cede his power to them.

"As long as I am here I will not let the government fall into the hands of the liberals," Khomeini was quoted as saying by Tehran Radio.

The government has portrayed internally as gradually becoming more liberal and open to the West in the past two years, and Khomeini appeared to be throwing cold water on the efforts of those in the government who were steering it toward less restrictive domestic policy and more open policy toward the West.

Algerians vote

ALGIERS, Feb. 22, (Reuters): Algerians began voting today on a new constitution which buries a quarter-century of rigid one-party socialism and prepares for a new era of democracy.

"Political parties are going to be founded, men and women are going to express different ideas," the official news agency APS said.

The 88-year-old leader of the Islamic revolution said that there were people within the government who acted against its goals.

"At the beginning of the revolution we gave posts to people who were not totally with us in ideology and the bitter results of that are plainly evident," he was quoted as saying.

Khomeini did not outline the results, but since the Aug. 20 ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war there have been increasingly open, bitter feuding between the pragmatists and hardline elements in the Iranian government.

President will attend funeral of Hirohito

Bush leaves for Asia trip

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22, (Agencies): President Bush, taking his message of conciliation and co-operation across the Pacific, headed for Japan, China and South Korea today to bolster US strategic and economic relationship in Asia.

Making his first overseas journey as President, Bush left Andrews Air Force base in nearby Maryland at 6:11 am (11:11 GMT) today for Tokyo, where he will attend the state funeral of Emperor Hirohito. The ceremony on Friday, is expected to be one of the most elaborate in post war history, attracting top officials from 154

nations. Bush was scheduled to land in Anchorage, Alaska, for a refueling stop before continuing his trip to Japan.

The overseas trip comes with Bush barely in office for a month, and with most aspects of the new administration's foreign policy still officially under review.

But Brent Scowcroft, the President's National Security Adviser, today disputed suggestions that Bush is making the journey before he has a cohesive foreign policy in place.

"The President is not trying to make quick headlines," Scow-

croft said. He said Bush wants to develop policies that "will aid us in where we think we'd like to be at the end of the century."

Over the next five days, Bush will travel 18,095 miles (29,120 kilometres). He'll spend 36 hours on his plane before returning to Washington last night.

Strategic

Scowcroft said the trip underscores the strategic importance of the three nations that Bush will visit, as well as "the growing importance of the US relationship to Asia as a whole, and to point out again that the United States is an Asian power."

Aoun bans ships from dock amid power struggle

BEIRUT, Feb. 22, (Reuters): Lebanon's Christian Army chief, clamping down on hardline militants, has banned cargo ships from a militia-run docks, posing a crucial challenge to his East Beirut rivals.

Official sources said today that Major-General Michel Aoun, whose troops battled Lebanese Forces (LF) militiamen in Beirut streets last week, aimed to deprive the LF of

\$200,000 a month in fees from part of Beirut port.

Political sources said the docking ban could threaten a truce between the two sides reached on Sunday with Maronite church mediation after 59 people were killed.

Confrontation

"The LF is in a tight spot," a Christian source said. "If it gives up the fifth basin it will lose a lot

of money. But if it holds on to it could lead to a confrontation with Aoun."

Aoun, who also heads an interim military government vying for power with a Muslim-led administration, yesterday urged Christians to stop paying taxes to the LF.

The Army leader has vowed to stop the 12,000-strong militia setting up a state within a state. The LF controls several parts of

Beirut including the port's important fifth basin, the object of the docking ban.

A spokesman for the LF, led by Samir Geagea, said the fifth basin, under the LF control for more than eight years, was working normally.

"The issue of the fifth basin is one of many issues under discussion by special Army and militia committees," he said.

Deng hints at retirement

BEIJING, Feb. 22, (Reuters): China's senior leader Deng Xiaoping hinted today that he was planning to retire soon and said Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang and Premier Li Peng were already in charge of "important matters."

The 84-year-old leader, whose health is the subject of widespread speculation, added that this decade-old reform policies would not change.

"The ones handling important matters are Zhao Ziyang and Li Peng. I am old, I should retire early," Deng said during a meeting with visiting President Pierre Buyoya of Burundi in the Great Hall of the People.

"You are only 40 years while I'm nearly 85," the official New China News Agency quoted Deng as telling Buyoya.

Deng, who stepped down from most key political posts in 1987 but continues to head the party's central military commission, is still regarded as the most influential figure in the Chinese leadership.

Beijing-based diplomats said Deng's retirement plans were believed to be the reason China had pressed for the planned summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to be held in May rather than later in the year.

Rushdie's death threat 'irrevocable'

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A conference of Muslim theologians in Makkah has denounced Rushdie, as a "heretic and a renegade" and called for his trial in an Islamic country, a newspaper reported today.

The 46-member OIC, which includes Iran, has denounced the book, and demanded a ban on its publication in all Islamic countries.

EEC heads of mission have started to leave Tehran, with Britain closing its embassy completely and ordering Iran's diplomats out of Britain. Sweden, Norway and Canada have also recalled their ambassadors from Iran.

Iran has reacted by ordering its EEC envoys home.

French President Francois Mitterrand delivered today the toughest condemnation so far from a Western leader of Iran's death threats against Rushdie.

"All dogmatism which through violence undermines freedom of thought and the right to free expression is, in my view, absolute evil," an Elysee Palace spokesman quoted Mitterrand as telling a cabinet meeting in Paris.

US President Bush says Iran will be held responsible for any attack on US interests as a result of its death threat against Rushdie and that the West may discuss economic sanctions against Iran.

Meanwhile, West German television reported that the Bonn government may impose economic sanctions against Iran if the country's leaders stick to their stance against Rushdie.

Soviets, Israel differ...

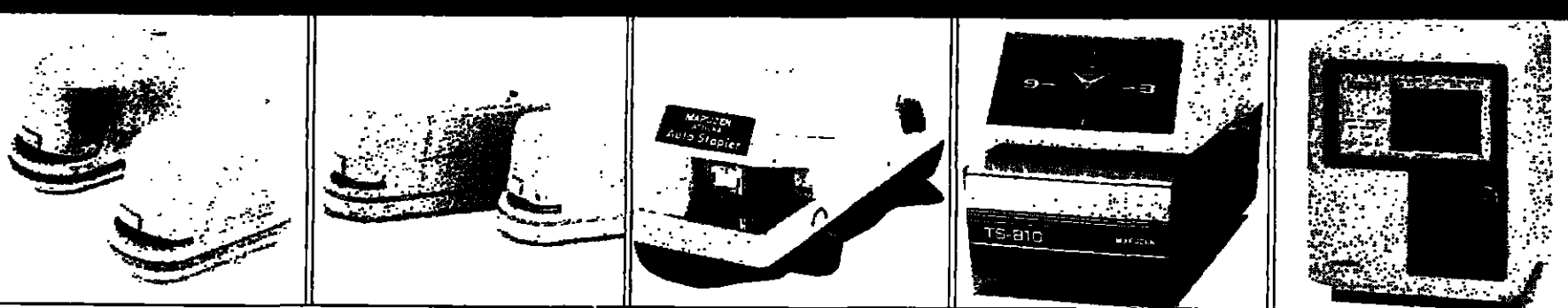
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to the conflict and that is one aspect of the real situation," he said. "But equally, without the Soviet Union, there can be no peace process."

Before leaving Egypt, Arens told a news conference he had rejected a call by Shevardnadze for contacts with the PLO. "The PLO is the main obstacle to peace," he said.

Asked whether he felt he was sharing the stage with Arafat, Arens replied curtly: "I'm not sharing the stage with anybody. I've come here as Israel's foreign minister."

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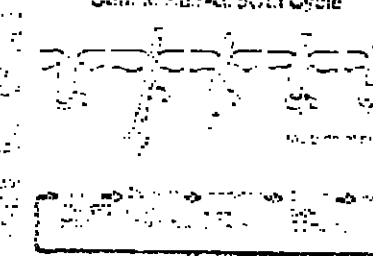
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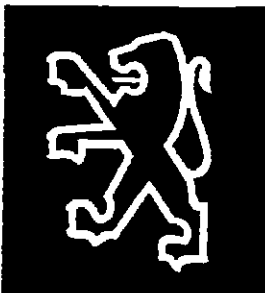
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Taba accord helps Egypt-Israel ties

CAIRO, Feb 22. (AP): Strained Egyptian-Israeli relations showed strong signs of improvement today with a compensation agreement in a border dispute and acceptance by Egypt's foreign minister of an invitation to visit Israel.

The thaw coincided with the approach of the 10th anniversary of the neighbours' peace treaty, the first and only one between an Arab country and the Jewish state.

The agreement of compensation for a Sinai beach hotel, announced last night by Egyptian Tourism Minister Foad Sultan, removed the major obstacle to Egypt's recovery of the Taba enclave awarded it by international arbitration last September.

Under the agreement, Egypt will pay \$37 million, little more than half the initial Israeli claim, to the Israeli owners of the Aviya-Sonessa beach hotel in Taba. Additionally, for five years the owners will get any annual profit above \$6.3 million that Egypt earns from the hotel,

with a ceiling of \$3 million for the entire period.

Sultan, who led the Egyptian delegation in compensation talks at Cairo, said Egypt also will pay \$1.15 million for Rafi Nelson Village, a cafeteria with tourist cabins on the Taba beach.

Taba, a 250-acre (1-sq. km) enclave, overlooks the Red Sea's Gulf of Aqaba at the southern end of the Egyptian-Israeli frontier.

President Hosni Mubarak said last month that compensation was the main impediment to agreement on implementing the arbitration ruling.

Other problems under discussion are access to Taba for Israelis and delineation of the frontier from the final border marker to the beach, a stretch of about 150 metres. Egyptian and Israeli officials said only minor differences remained on these two points.

Egyptian officials said they expect final agreement on Taba by the end of February and an Egyptian takeover after an Israeli pullout by mid-March.

Sudanese Army issues one-week ultimatum

Mahdi asked to change policies

KHARTOUM, Feb 22. (AP): Sudan's commander-in-chief and about 150 other senior officers have issued the prime minister a one-week ultimatum to reform his government and work to end the southern civil war, newspapers reported today.

A military spokesman said Army officers submitted to the government a memorandum making "certain demands" but he would not characterise it as a coup threat.

The reports appeared a day after Defence Minister Abdel Magid Khalil resigned to protest the government's refusal to accept a peace agreement negotiated by a major political party.

Khalil said Prime Minister Sadeq El Mahdi's policies had left the country starving, economically bankrupt and isolated from potential aid donors fed up with the six-year-old civil war.

Virtually all Khartoum's papers reported the "warning

memorandum," but none specified what action the military chiefs would take if El Mahdi ignored their demand.

But the Communist Party organ Al Maidan said the Army warned that it would retaliate if El Mahdi tried to punish the memo's signers.

Brigadier Mohamed Osman, an official spokesman, confirmed that the Army had submitted to El Mahdi, in his capacity as head of the National Defence Council, a memorandum "containing certain demands related to our problems and concerns."

Asked by the Associated Press whether the memo foreshadowed a military takeover, Osman said: "No, no. There is no coup. We have already tried these coups in the past, and the Army was the only loser. It is not in the interest of the Army, you see."

Sudan has spent most of its 33 years of independence under

military rule. The longest spell was 16 years under pro-Western dictator Jaafar Nimeiri, whose overthrow in 1985 led to a one-year transitional military government and El Mahdi's election and succession in April 1986.

There was no early reaction to the memorandum from El Mahdi. His spokesman said the prime minister had cancelled plans to attend Friday's funeral in Tokyo of Emperor Hirohito because of "emergency circumstances" at home.

Policy
Newspapers said Army Gen. Fathi Ahmed Ali, the commander-in-chief, chaired the meeting of officers that drafted the memorandum, which followed announcement of Khalil's resignation. All personally presented the ultimatum to El Mahdi, they said.

The memo urged that the government follow "a balanced foreign policy with all countries to secure armaments for the

Army," the newspapers reported.

Additionally, they said, the document demanded that the government "choose between war and peace, and prepare properly for its choice."

There was widespread approval within Sudan for the agreement signed last Nov 16 between the Democratic Unionist Party, then a junior partner in El Mahdi's coalition, and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army.

Khalil strongly urged El Mahdi to accept it because "the military's soldiers are the ones doing the dying."

Reluctance
But El Mahdi refused to submit the accord either to parliament or the cabinet for endorsement, and this led to the Democratic Unionists' withdrawal from the cabinet.

Political experts said El Mahdi's reluctance was meant partly to abort the Democratic Union-



Mahdi: threat

ists' rising popularity and partly to keep on good terms with parliament's third largest political organisation, the fundamentalist National Islamic Front. That party resents the proposed treaty's clause freezing implementation of Islamic law throughout the country.

The war has killed hundreds of thousands, mostly civilians caught up in war-induced famine, since it began in early 1983 to support rebel demands for a better economic and political deal for southern Sudan.

Hirohito's funeral will paralyse Tokyo

TOKYO, Feb 22. (Reuters): The lives of residents in western Tokyo will come to a virtual standstill on Friday, the day of Emperor Hirohito's funeral - except for those planning to escape the capital.

The government has asked that all forms of entertainment and festivity be halted on that day, designated a special national holiday. All major companies, banks and government offices will be closed.

Road traffic in the western half of the capital, home to millions of residents, will be paralysed for most of the day because of the funeral procession.

Traffic in many other parts of Tokyo will also be snarled because of security arrangements for 700 foreign dignitaries who will be shuttled to the funeral site from hotels and guest houses around the city.

"We were glad we had decided to go skiing that weekend," said Masaru Nakagawa, a 28-year-old worker. "I wouldn't have been able to drive out of my (western Tokyo) home. And even if I use subways, there's nowhere to go."

Closedown

Nearly all cinemas, stadiums, concert halls, discos and dance halls, department stores and supermarkets, amusement parks, health clubs, bath houses and massage parlours in Tokyo will close out of respect for Hirohito, who died on Jan 7, aged 87.

In addition, the Shinjuku district, one of the capital's busiest commercial and entertainment areas, will be blocked to normal traffic because of funeral processions to and from the funeral site at Shinjuku Gyoen Park.

Most of the main foreign representatives to the funeral will arrive at the city's domestic airport, Haneda, which will be closed to most commercial flights.

A total of 206 Haneda flights up to Sunday have been cancelled, affecting nearly 17,000 passengers, a Transport Ministry official said.

Hirohito is to be buried in an imperial mound at Hachioji.

US trains Afghans to dismantle mines

WASHINGTON, Feb 22. (Reuters): The United States is helping train Afghan refugees to recognise and defuse up to 30 million explosive mines left behind by Soviet troops who have left Afghanistan, a Defence Department official said.

Edward Gnehm, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, told a House of Representatives foreign affairs subcommittee that a 40-man US team arrived in Pakistan last month to begin training refugees who are expected to begin flowing back to their home country.

Appointment
Howard Schaffer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, told the subcommittee the United States was confident rebel forces eventually would topple "the so-called government in Kabul."

Schaffer predicted a government that was "neither communist nor messianic Islamic" was likely to emerge. He added it was in the US interest to continue aid to the rebel forces so refugees could more easily return to their homes.

Meanwhile, the only Shiite Muslim in the Afghan leadership was effectively appointed the country's prime minister yesterday.

Kabul Radio said Sultani Ali Kishmand, 52, who was prime minister for nine years until last May, was named chairman of the executive committee of the council of ministers (cabinet). He replaced Mohammad Hassan Shah who resigned on Sunday.

His appointment was announced as the Afghan Army - facing Muslim rebels alone following the departure of the last Soviet forces from the country last week - stood by for trouble on the ninth anniversary of a major protest against the communist government in which dozens of people were shot dead.

Earlier in the day four rebel rockets hit Kabul, killing one person and wounding four.

Government sources said Kishmand would be effectively be prime minister, though under the state of emergency decreed from Sunday. President Najibullah would sit as chairman of the council of ministers.

Israeli troops seal four homes in Gaza

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb 22. (Reuters): Israeli troops early today sealed four homes of Gaza Strip Palestinians jailed for anti-Israel attacks, an Army spokesman said.

The spokesman said three in the village of Abasan belonged to Arabs accused of setting fire to the local council building and one in Gaza City belonged to a person convicted of throwing stones at soldiers.

Troops lifted curfews in areas of Gaza's Rafah and Deir Al Balah refugee camps, imposed during a three-day strike called by underground leaders of the 14-month-old uprising against Israeli occupation.

In the occupied West Bank, the Army clamped curfews on Jenin town and refugee camp to prevent unrest today, the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP).

In leaflets distributed in the occupied territories, the DFLP,

led by Nayef Hawatmeh, called for the immediate formation of a provisional government of the state of Palestine, declared last year in Algiers by the Palestine Liberation Organisation's parliament-in-exile.

The leaflets also called for a total boycott of Israeli authorities and products and for the creation of a Palestinian popular army.

Police Inspector-General David Kraus said he wanted legal powers to force Arab shops in East Jerusalem to stay open on strike days called by PLO-backed leaders of the uprising, the Jerusalem Post newspaper reported.

"We should not put up with a situation in which the PLO controls the streets and marketplaces," the Post quoted Kraus as telling a parliamentary committee.

Kraus said police should be given administrative powers enabling them to order shops open or closed.

Iran frees 75 more Iraqis

NICOSIA, Feb 22. (AP): Iran released 75 sick and disabled Iraqi prisoners of war today and six others requested political asylum in Iran, the official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported.

The 75 are part of a group of 260 Iraqi prisoners Iran said it would free, with 25 asking to stay behind, according to IRNA reports monitored in Nicosia.

The first group of 80 prisoners went home yesterday, and another 80 will be repatriated tomorrow, IRNA said.

Iran announced earlier this month it would free the Iraqi

POWs to mark the 10th anniversary of the Islamic revolution. Iraq released 255 Iraqis last month.

IRNA said the prisoners were given medical examinations by the International Committee of the Red Cross before being sent home on a plane chartered by the organisation.

A United Nations-sponsored ceasefire halted the Gulf war on Aug 20. But peace negotiations have stalled and a previous agreement to exchange prisoners of war in November collapsed over mutual recriminations of bad faith, including the numbers requesting asylum on both sides.

Freighter sinks in Atlantic

LONDON, Feb 22. (Reuters): A Panamanian-registered freighter with a crew of 17 sank in a storm in the Atlantic today and a rescue helicopter found no survivors, the British Air Force said.

A spokesman said a crewman from the Sea King helicopter inspected life-rafts dropped earlier by a British reconnaissance aircraft in the area 350 miles off Scotland and found no-one.

Lloyd's shipping intelligence said a swamped lifeboat from the ship was also sighted with no sign of life.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the 2,600-ton Sencil Angola was carrying salt from Spain to Iceland when it went down after being battered by high winds and 20-foot (six-metre) waves.

The ship's captain had reported that the engine room was flooded and water had entered two of its holds.

In a last radio message, he said: "There is great danger. Helicopters please hurry."

Indian MPs walk out over Bhopal row

NEW DELHI, Feb 22. (Agencies): India's parliamentary opposition walked out today when the speaker refused to allow an immediate debate on last week's court award of compensation for the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy.

Only the ruling Congress (I) Party, one member of the allied National Conference and a lone independent were left in the Lok Sabha, after Speaker Balram Jakhur dismissed leave to introduce motions on the controversial settlement.

He tried unsuccessfully to calm members by pointing out that a special discussion on the issue was already scheduled for later today.

Award
India's Supreme Court last Tuesday ruled that the US Union Carbide Corporation should pay \$470 million in full and final settlement of claims resulting from the Dec 3, 1984, leak of poisonous gas from its Bhopal pesticides plant, which killed 3,400 people.

Union Carbide accepted the award, which was far less than the \$3.3 billion the Indian government had claimed on behalf of the victims.

Opposition parties, newspapers and organisations representing more than half a million claimants have denounced the settlement. One opposition party has even demanded impeachment of the Supreme Court judges for acting beyond their powers.

About 300 legislators were in Parliament when the opposition walked out. The Congress Party holds 412 of the 544 seats.

About 2,500 gas victims came to the Indian capital yesterday to protest the settlement, saying the sum was too low and demanding that Union Carbide officials be present from marching to Parliament to present their petitions to the government today.

More than 20,000 people are still listed as seriously affected by the gas, and deaths attributed to the gas continue at the rate of one a day. More than 500,000 damage claims have been filed.

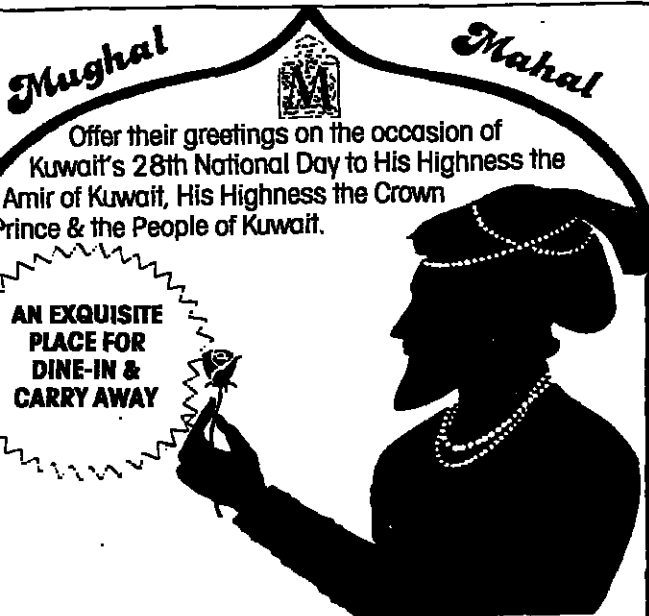
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Under the auspices of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah a ceremony was held to honour outstanding university graduates for 1987-88.

The ceremony was attended by His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, a number of ministers and Kuwait University Rector Dr Abdel-Muhsen Al Razzag, and his assistants, in addition to a number of senior officials.

21,000 cancer cases treated since 1982

KUWAIT, Feb. 22. (KUNA): The Kuwait Centre for Cancer Control (KCCC) is considered one of the most successful and advanced centres of its kind both at regional and international levels.

Inaugurated by His Highness the Amir in June 1982, the centre has treated 21,000 cases since its establishment. The rate of cases which were fully treated amounted to 95 per cent.

KCCC is another landmark of civilisation in this country dedicated along with other institutions to combat disease and cater for the handicapped, according to a report prepared by KUNA's research department on the occasion of the country's National Day anniversary.

In addition to medical treatment, KCCC also provides other assistance needed by those admitted for surgery or non-surgical treatment such as social care and making available artificial limbs for those who lose their limbs in unavoidable surgery, the report said.

Dr Hussein Al Jazzaf, a surgeon at KCCC, said the discovery of the disease in its first stages is vital for ensuring treatment without the need to amputate the affected limb.

According to recent statistics there is 20.2 cancer cases to each 100,000 persons in Kuwait compared to 13 cases in Japan. But he said 70 per cent of the cases were only reported at advanced stages when it is impossible to control the disease without resorting to amputation in most cases.

The social care unit at the KCCC looks after the sick inside and outside the centre. The unit serves as a link between the patient and his doctors. Sometimes a sick person refuses to be subjected to medical treatment and here comes the responsibility of the social care unit in convincing him to accept a treatment programme.

Moreover, the KCCC also runs a social club for recreation and for developing social relations among the sick.

Accidents

TWO people were killed and seven injured in traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday, according to a statement from the Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Interior.

KAC trains Kuwaitis as commercial pilots

THE Crew Training Centre of the Operations Department at Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) is considered one of the most modern centres which specialises in training pilots.

In a short period of time, the centre was able to play an important and successful role in training Kuwaiti youth in the art of commercial flights. It also achieved good profits by leasing its equipment to other airlines in Iraq, Egypt, Syria and Jordan.

A local daily interviewed a number of officials at the centre to highlight its responsibilities and accomplishments.

The crew and safety training centre, established in 1983, occupies an area of 3,585 square metres. It is provided with the most modern theoretical and training facilities.

The number of foreign companies using training facilities at the centre have gradually

increased. The centre will establish a new section to train students on identical highly developed control rooms modelled on the Boeing 767 and the Airbus. The centre now owns a control room similar to that of a Boeing 747, 707 and the Airbus, said the assistant director of the training centre Khaled Al Assouli.

Requirements
He added that nomination of the new Kuwaiti students pilots is based on the company's requirements of pilots for the next five years. The company will then publish advertisements in local newspapers expressing its need for pilots. Applicants should hold a general secondary certificate of the science branch as a minimum.

KAC now has 41 Kuwaiti pilots out of a total of 88, in addition to 95 Kuwaiti assistant pilots out of a total of 97, and 23 Kuwaiti aviation engineers.

Recommendations of the 18th Arab engineers conference

THE four-day 18th Arab Engineering Conference closed in Kuwait Tuesday night.

The opening and closing statements of the conference were based on a speech made by HH the Amir.

The following recommendations of different committees were elucidated as:

- Adopting a philosophy based on instructions of Islam, Arab culture and values.
- Meeting the needs of society and development which involve modern technology.
- Encouraging scientific research to achieve engineering integration among Arab states.
- Making Arab engineers aware of their important role in preserving the Arab and Islamic heritage.

The conference called to develop engineering programmes and curricula to cope with technological advancement, including establishing new engineering majors at faculties of engineering in the Arab states.

Participants recommended the encouragement of using local techniques to reflect the productivity of Arab society and to rely to a minimum on imports.

The conference called to

471 plots to be allocated to industry

Shuaiba Industrial Area to be expanded: Zamel

By Khaled Ahmed

ABDUL Karim Al Zamel, acting Director-General of the General Administration at Al Shuaiba Industrial Area was quoted as saying that the administration is co-ordinating its efforts with Kuwait's Ministry of Commerce and Industry to expand the Shuaiba Industrial Area.

Speaking at a press conference he said that the proposed industrial expansion will involve the distribution of 296 plots of 500 square metres each to be allocated for handicrafts in addition to 175 plots to be allocated for light industries.

The proposed expansion will cost about KD10.65 million to be recouped within ten years from the anticipated revenue of such plots. The oil and non-oil projects at the area cost KD222 million. The area was established in 1964, the official said.

Projects
About KD12 million will be allocated to the area in the next five-year-plan. Total funds invested in the oil and non-oil sectors from 1964 to 1987 amounted to KD400 million. Employees totalled about 11,638 of which 16 per cent are Kuwaitis.

Projects carried out before 1989 included the expansion of water pumping stations at a cost of KD56 million, roads and service facilities at KD13 million, the expansion of Shuaiba port and establishing container services at KD22 million in addition to the security projects the first phase of which cost about KD5.4 million. The expected cost of the second stage is about KD22 million.

Inspection tour

KUWAIT, Feb. 22. (KUNA): Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah today made an inspection tour of the general department for nationality and travelling documents.

The minister discussed with department officials issues related to nature of its endeavour and means of developing work procedures.



Abdul Karim Al Zamel

Five types of projects will be carried out during the second five-year development plan (1990-95).

The projects will cost KD48.2 million. These include fire-fighting equipment, completion of the infrastructure projects, water pumping stations for cooling, environment protection projects and plans for the completion of security projects.

In its bid to promote industry in Kuwait, the Shuaiba administration provides land at a rate of 200 fils annually per square metre. The administration provides sea water for cooling purposes free of charge to the industries within the area.

Zamel said that the administration actively contributes to the environment protection projects by monitoring and determining pollution levels in air and water. He said that a KD13.1 million project is under construction to establish a station for the treatment of liquid and solid industrial residues. The solid station will be completed next year while the other will be completed in five years.

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Zamel announced the total industrial exports from the Shuaiba area through the Shuaiba port in 1987 was over 1.1 million metric tons. The area and its companies imported 777,000 tons during the same year. The factories in the area consumed over 100 billion cubic feet of gas over 9.2 million cubic metres of fresh water.

He added that the eastern part of Shuaiba is reserved for oil industries, petrochemicals and refineries. It occupies a 10,380,000 metre area and consists of ten industries.

Kuwait Oil Company occupies 34 per cent of the eastern area in Shuaiba.

On the other hand the western area of Shuaiba, of a 12,604,616 metre area includes eight construction industries, four industries, three oil industries and four paper industries. These industries occupy 26 per cent of Shuaiba west area.

Zamel added that the western area is reserved for other industries excluding food industries. He said that the area is reserved for heavy industries.

Each industry should have maximum area of ten thousand square metres and should restrict themselves to safety and environment protection conditions.

The area development and planning committee regularly reviews ways to develop and improve the area, Zamel said.

The press conference was attended by the Deputy Director General for Planning and Development Affairs, the administration's Belwaj Al Qaid and the Director of Training and Organisation, Manahi Al Hadram.

UMO organises relief for striking Indian workers

THE United Malayalee Organisation (UMO) in Kuwait, have drawn up plans to help over 1000 Indian workers at the Al Qurain project who are suffering from non-payment of salaries and a lack of basic amenities.

In a meeting held Tuesday the

UMO organised the feeding of

workers as well as medical care. The meeting was attended by diplomats from the Indian embassy who promised to do their best and to take necessary precautions to avoid a repetition of this disastrous affair.

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Congratulatory cable

KUWAIT, Feb 22. (KUNA): His Highness the Amir today sent a cable to the Amir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani congratulating him on the 17th anniversary of his assuming office as head of state.

Higher customs on furniture

THE Ministry of Commerce and Industry has raised custom duty on furniture from four to 25 per cent since June 1986.

The increase is designed to protect the local furniture industry according to an official at the ministry.

A local daily conducted a poll to highlight the opinions of those concerned with the issue.

Protection

Faisal Al Al Mutawa, a furniture merchant said that a petition was submitted to the ministry demanding the removal of customs protection on imported furniture as in other industries like cars. He said that the raise of customs duty caused a negative impact on both consumers and merchants.

Quality

He added that customers prefer to purchase cheaper and good quality furniture whenever available. However, local manufacturers did not yet succeed in providing quality at reasonable prices.

He considers the customs hike to be disadvantageous to consumers and commerce in the country. Imposing customs fees on this type of trade is a wrong principle as Kuwait is not yet an industrial country, he said.

Oman welcomes ACC and AMU

MUSCAT, Feb 22. (KUNA): Oman has greeted the establishment of the Arab Co-operation Council and Arab Maghreb Union.

Radio Muscat quoted Sultan Qaboos as saying that the two new bodies would not deviate from the collective Arab path drawn by the Arab League.

Qaboos said last night he believed that these countries will try to make these groupings a bridge to protect Arab interests.

The Arab Co-operation Council groups Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and the Yemen Arab Republic, while the Arab Maghreb Union comprises Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. The two groups were set up on Feb 16 and 17 respectively.

GCC to buy rice cheaper

THE Gulf Co-operation (GCC) states will now be able to buy Indian and Pakistani rice at cheaper rates, according to an official source at the GCC group purchase committee.

The source added that the committee has signed an agreement with representatives of the governments of Pakistan and India to purchase basmati rice from Pakistan and India at US\$675 per ton, \$10 less than last year's prices.

The official added that under these new prices GCC states will be able to save nearly US\$35 million this year.

Doctors conference

BAGHDAD, Feb 22. (KUNA): A conference of the Arab Doctors Federation goes into its second day today to discuss several papers on the latest medical advancements.

The three-day conference is being attended by 1,000 physicians who will examine about 250 research papers on a variety of topics ranging from organ transplant to treatment of war injuries.

Car thieves arrested

DETECTIVES of the Capital Governorate have arrested three men accused of carrying out several car thefts at different areas in the country.

Investigations revealed that the accused sold the stolen cars to their friends. Further investigations are in progress.

Indian exams

A PRESS release from the Indian embassy in Kuwait has said that the Sainik Schools entrance examination 1989 will be held at the embassy premises on 26th February, 1989 at 0800 hrs. Candidates registered for this exam should report to the embassy on the above date.

Accidents

SIX persons were injured in the course of 17 traffic accidents which occurred on Monday. Four were reported in the Capital, one in Hawalli, eight in Ahmadi and four in Jahra.

Bahrain's Amir praises GCC political and economic agreements

KUWAIT, Feb 22. (KUNA): Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa was quoted here today as hailing the accomplishments which were achieved by the Gulf Co-operation Council, and expressing satisfaction with the GCC's success.

In an interview with chief editor of the weekly magazine 'Al Majalis' Hedayat Al Sultan, Sheikh Issa admired the speech of HH Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah to the Arab Engineering Conference two days ago and said that the Amir of Kuwait expressed the views "of all of us" on the Arab, Islamic, and international issues.

Agreement Regarding the GCC economic agreement, and whether there are any obstacles blocking its implementation, Sheikh Issa said the agreement was already underway, citing strong economic co-operation between the GCC member states.

On the GCC security agreement, he said it was natural that GCC members had some disagreement but he added that

most difficult obstacles had been overcome.

Sheikh Issa welcomed co-operation agreements between the Arab states, and said that he has sent congratulatory cables to the leaders of the new-born Arab Maghreb Union and the Arab Co-operation Council.

Good relations In response to a question on the political atmosphere in the Gulf after the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran, the Amir of Bahrain affirmed the need for establishing good-neighbouring relations with Iran and for full implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 598.

He said Bahrain's Foreign Ministry will visit Iran and Iraq in a bid to convince the two countries to solve their problems peacefully.

In regard to the presence of the foreign navies in the Gulf, the Amir said those vessels were in international waters for many years, and what concerns the Gulf area is the freedom of navigation for all Gulf states without exception.

Symposium on self-sufficiency in food held by municipality

RASHED Al Khashshab of the Public Relations Department at Kuwait Municipality speaking at a symposium said that Kuwait imported most of its foodstuffs.

The main topic of discussion at the symposium centred on Kuwait finding ways and means to achieve self-sufficiency in the area of food.

Ageel Al Jasem, the assistant director general of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry presented a paper in which he stressed the importance and priority of securing the country's basic needs of foodstuffs. The chamber closely co-ordin-

ated with the Union of Co-operative Consumer Societies in this respect, the official said.

Abdul Latif Thallab, the director general of the Kuwait Union of Consumer Co-operative Societies said that the union endeavours to exert every effort to cater to the food needs of the population at reasonable prices.

The co-operative movement which has been active since 1962 began with only two societies - Shamiya and Keifan. Since then, the movement has seen tremendous improvement and enlargement, the official said.

New treatment for herpes

A NEW pharmaceutical preparation for herpes has been developed by a postgraduate student at King Saud University, College of Pharmacy in Riyadh, according to Gulf News Agency.

The new preparation has a stronger skin absorption factor than products currently on the market, seven times higher than Asklofer, for example.

The student, Majedi Bin Saleh, had been conducting research with the specific aim of finding higher skin absorption factors. His research has earned him a Master's degree with an A standing at the university.

Saleh said the new preparation will improve herpes treatment and decrease the cost of manufacturing compared with other herpes medications.

Kuwait has 285,000 fruit-bearing palm trees

THE Deputy Director-General at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Nizar Mulla Hussein has said that there is a total of 60 million palm trees in the Arab world covering only five per cent of total arable land, and that Kuwait alone has 285,000 such trees over three per cent of its land.

He said that most of these trees were located around houses and were used not only for their produce but for landscaping purposes as well.

Hussein pointed out that palm cultivation techniques have enabled the growth of different species of trees, especially fruit bearing palms, in a cost effective manner.

He expressed hope that KISR would be able to play a pioneering role in the horticultural development of palm trees and to be able to perfect a special agricultural technique for the reproduction of quality species.

Kuwaiti students call for linking development with education

KUWAIT Students' Union at Kuwait University have called for linking of the state's developmental plans to complement the strategy of the country's institutions of higher education.

In a memo addressed to Dr Ali A. Al Shamlan, the minister of higher education, the union stressed on the necessity for reviewing the programmes and curricula of these higher institutions.

The memo called on higher institutions to play a vital role towards community development, realising the objectives of

the state and translating these aspirations into tangible realities.

The success of the Ministry of Higher Education in the implementation of its tasks, depended significantly on the success of the strategy planned by the authorities, the memo said.

To keep up with latest developments in the educational field, the union called for providing qualified teachers, professors, specialists in the various disciplines of study.

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Kuwait's envoy to UAE praises achievements

ABU DHABI, Feb 22. (KUNA): Kuwait's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates Mohammed Saad Zabin Al Lmai has praised Kuwait's achievement in all spheres since independence.

In an interview with KUNA here today on the occasion of Kuwait's 28th National Day which falls on February 25, the

Kuwaiti ambassador highlighted his country's political role as a Gulf state and chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

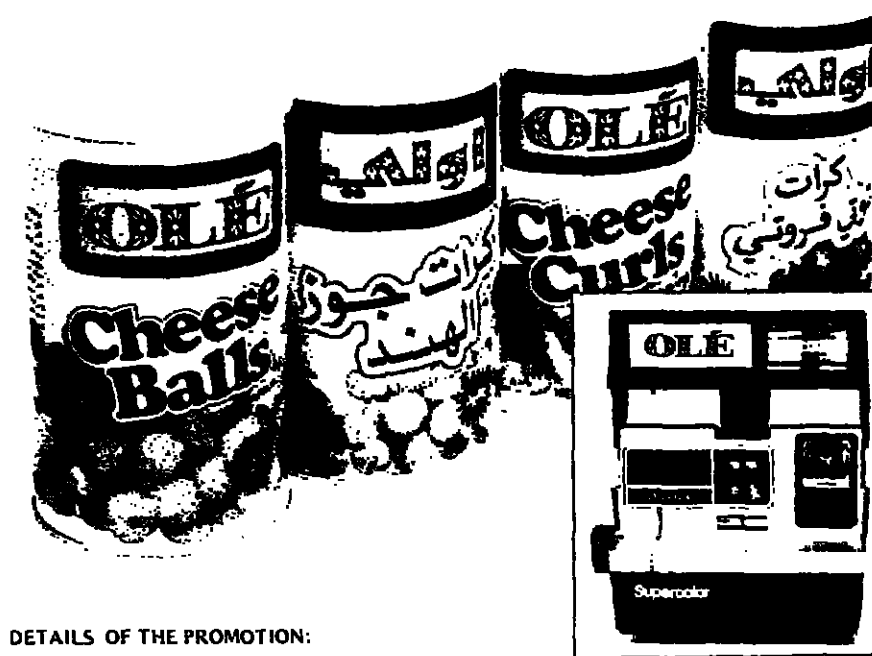
He particularly referred to the UN General Assembly in its 43rd session, in which he put forth a proposal to end the Third World

debt crisis.

He said HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah's visit to the US last July was a leap in Arab-American dialogue and described the visit as a successful attempt to reach common ground for solving several Mideast problems.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

ONE half of the world cannot understand the pleasures of the other — Jane Austen, English novelist (1775-1817).

Roh's pledge comes back to haunt him

By Roger Crabb

SEOUL. (Reuters): It seemed a good idea at the time. "Elect me now," urged Roh Tae-woo in December 1987, "and after we've safely staged the Olympics I'll let you judge me again."

Perhaps the pledge convinced some wavering voters. In any event the former general won a narrow victory in South Korea's first free elections in 16 years. A political race ensued the 1988 Seoul Games went off successfully.

This week, as Roh celebrates the first anniversary of his inauguration, that campaign promise has come back to haunt him.

Government and opposition agree the "interim assessment," as they call it, of the president's rule must take place this year.

That is about all they agree on. There are bitter divisions over what criteria should be used for the "assessment," and what form it should take — a referendum, a parliamentary vote of confidence or some other gauge of the public mood.

Resign
The various actors in the drama also differ on whether Roh, elected to a five-year term, should resign if he makes a bad showing. One leading official of the ruling party has held out the possibility that if the president is disavowed, both he and the government's assembly members should quit.

Back in December 1987, when the hard-pressed government candidate made his pledge, some headline writers interpreted it as a promise of a full-fledged plebiscite on his first year in office.

But Roh aides now make it clear that what he had in mind was submitting to a routine confidence vote in parliament, which for years had been tightly controlled by his own Democratic Justice Party.

However, that plan went badly sour last April when the party — created by his strongman predecessor Chun Doo Hwan as an instrument of personal power — unexpectedly lost its grip on the national assembly.

With its tame majority gone, the presidential Blue House began looking at less hazardous ways of keeping Roh's promise — and they are apparently still looking.

A senior aide has said that options under consideration

included running a nationwide voter opinion survey on Roh's performance, or using local autonomy elections expected later this year as a mid-term barometer.

As the clock ticks down to a seemingly inevitable public test of the president some time in 1989, he is hearing bad news from the pollsters and the political commentators after what, in the turbulent world of South Korean politics, must rank as a remarkable political honeymoon.

From February, when he took office and began dismantling the repressive, anti-democratic state apparatus set up by Chun, to October, when the Olympic Games ended in a blaze of patriotic pride, Roh appeared to be riding high in public esteem.

Then came a winter of discontent which has left his image tarnished and even some of his natural supporters disillusioned.

Roh's democratisation efforts have so far failed to meet the opposition's expectations while angering his conservative backers. A more tolerant line on public dissent has brought yet more militant students and workers onto the streets.

A string of reforming legislation has been caught in the parliamentary logjam created by the new opposition majority, which has spent months probing into the misdeeds of the Chun era.

Prosecution
Despite authorising the prosecution of many Chun relatives and former aides, and the public humiliation and destitution of the retired president, Roh has been accused of conniving at the cover-up of Chun's worst excesses.

All this has led to growing, publicly voiced, criticism of Roh's performance in power. In a hard-hitting commentary on Sunday, Kim Myong-Sik, a political editor at the English-language Korea Times, said of the past year:

"The republic's problem has been multiplied, and much of the blame goes to the chief executive for lacking wit and guts."

Another columnist, Yu Kun-Il of the influential Chosun Ilbo, said the nation's continuing political problems were a result of the moral weakness of the ruling camp. He cited Roh's failure to dismiss numbers of senior Chun-era holdovers from their official posts.

Kabul government digs in for a long struggle

By Oliver Wates

KABUL. (Reuters): President Najibullah is digging in for a long struggle against Afghan guerrillas now that Kabul has survived in an unannounced calm the first days without Soviet troops.

As the Western-backed rebels met in Pakistan to try to form a rival administration, Najibullah clamped a state of emergency on the war-ravaged country at mid-night of Saturday and strengthened his party's control over the government.

Soldiers, tanks and armoured personnel carriers were positioned at strategic points of the capital on Sunday. After dark, roadblocks were frequent and the soldiers manning them more insistent.

Seven non-party ministers were replaced by members of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), which has ruled Afghanistan for 11 years.

A supreme military council, headed by Najibullah, will be formed shortly to oversee all military, economic and political decisions.

Defend
"We want to show the opposition we mean business," a senior party official said. "The party is stronger than ever and will defend the revolution."

Najibullah, playing the nationalist card, appears to be firmly in control and party sources say the divisions which plague the PDP have been temporarily shelved by the external threat to the party's survival.

Using the slogan "homeland or death," Najibullah has sought to rally the nation behind his government, arguing Afghanistan's very existence is at risk from Pakistani "expansionism."

Meanwhile, the mobilisation of party members continues, with officials calling to arms all the 200,000 supporters who are not already in the armed forces.

Kabul is the key to national power in Afghanistan. The government has already armed 30,000 party members in the capital and stockpiled food and fuel.

Western news photographers saw several hundred civilian party members, mainly younger or older than the average soldier, pouring into Kabul from nearby areas on Sunday armed with new Kalashnikov assault rifles.

According to Western diplomats, the departing Soviet forces left behind enormous stocks of weapons.

Reporters have been taken to visit elite units stationed around Kabul to fight off guerrillas who are now in the snow-covered mountains encircling the city.

But Kabul has been living in a strange calm since the Soviets departed on Feb 15.

The past four days have been the quietest for weeks. Although seven people were killed when four rockets hit Kabul on Thursday, this was a minor attack compared to rebel bombardment last August, when 120 missiles hit the city in a single day.

Even the familiar sound of artillery echoing round the nearby hills has been missing.

"Maybe it is the lull before the storm," a perfume-seller in a fashionable shopping district said.

Western diplomats believe rebels will not launch a conventional assault on the heavily-fortified capital.

Defect
They said the guerrillas were more likely to wait for other Afghan factions to fall or defect to the mujahideen, causing the central government to collapse by itself.

Most Western embassies closed down before the Feb 15 Soviet pullout. Only an Italian priest with diplomatic status, a long-term Kabul resident, remains.

Playing with lives

SIR: I refer to Princess Ramesh's letter "Negligent doctors," (AT, Feb 16-17).

Readers' sympathies are with Ramesh who lost her beloved father, due to lack of attention and proper diagnosis by the doctor who had attended him.

It is not an isolated incident. Not long before, almost in a similar case a patient narrowly survived. A patient with persistent pain was attended by an Indian doctor, who had no specialization or post-graduation in this field.

He could not diagnose the damage in the heart-valves so the patient was returned saying that there is nothing wrong with him. Later, when the patient went to India and consulted doctors there, it was

found that he had major heart problems. On his return, this matter was again referred to the senior doctors in Kuwait who were said to have warned this junior doctor.

The above-mentioned Indian doctor is not to be blamed as he has not specialized in or learnt cardiology, but instead after graduation, happened to manage to get a job here. He is not fit to work in a referral hospital.

Since the Chest Hospital is a referral hospital, where a number of qualified cardiologists and specialists are available, doctors with only graduation should not be allowed to play with the lives of human beings. Human lives are too precious.

Jameela Mohammad,
(Address supplied).

Balanced coverage

SIR: I was quite surprised at the accusations by Mohammad Javid Butt in his letter "Inaccurate reporting" (AT, Feb 16-17) that the Urdu section of the Arab Times has become "propaganda vehicle" for the ruling Pakistan People's Party.

On the contrary I find a refreshing openness in its contents and was particularly impressed with an article two weeks ago that highlighted the lack of leadership in the PPP apart from Benazir Bhutto. It was an extremely thought-provoking piece and I look forward to

more of the same. But it is obviously finding it difficult to adjust to the new political realities in Pakistan. When the opposition has something worthwhile to say I am sure the international media will report it.

Till now their only "constructive" act has been the destruction of a foreign embassy for which the government of Pakistan will once again have to foot the bill.

Jawaid Haider,
Safat.

A real fiasco

SIR: The YMCA Good Year Cricket Tournament being held at the KOC Grounds, Ahmadi, has turned out to be a real fiasco. The organising committee has turned the gentlemen's game of cricket into a manipulative and prearranged circus. The committee does not adhere to rules of the tournament and flouts those to suit their own ends.

For example, Social Cricket Club who beat Bright Stars team in the quarterfinals were disqualified because the SCC had two excess players than the allowed 20. But the SCC took prior permission from the relevant authorities before the game. The rules does not mention that a team may be disqualified for this reason. However, YMCA acted according to their own whims and fancies, and took this drastic action.

Malayalees do any type of job

SIR: I differ with K. Vishwanath's opinion "Selected on merit," (AT, Feb 16-17).

Many Malayalees rise to the top because, unlike others, they accept low salaries and are prepared to do any kind of jobs irrespective of their qualification. Once they get into a company, how they work their way up to the top is anybody's guess.

Malayalee teachers who teach in Malayalam may be

More astonishing is the fact that results of the match between Hyderabad Eleven and Wah-j-Wah were printed in the newspapers when Wah-j-Wah did not play any game at all. The organisers were fully aware of this fact and turned a blind eye to this report. It is strongly felt that since YMCA have abused the coverage given by the newspapers, and as a deterrent to others, their activities should not be reported anymore.

Social Cricket Club.
YMCA vice-president comments: The Social Cricket Club was disqualified because they had three KIFCO players on their team, to which the Bright Stars protested.

We investigated and found that the Hyderabad Eleven got the report published on the match between them and Wah-j-Wah.

generally considered good but not most of those who teach in English.

The English language spoken with Malayalam accent sounds totally like a new alien language and could be understood only by their own kind. With such an accent, those who graduate will have a hard time finding a decent secretarial job in a good company.

A.M. (Name and address supplied).

Harrison's visits to India

SIR: I enjoyed the story "Beatles: 25 years on" (AT, Feb 18). However there is one error that I would like to correct.

The article maintains that George Harrison went to study the sitar under Ravi Shanker after the Beatles released their album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" in 1967.

In fact Harrison went to India to learn to play sitar in 1965. He played sitar for the song "Norwegian Wood" from the album "Rubber Soul," which was released in 1966. His second visit to India in 1968, along with other members of the Beatles, was to study meditation under the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

Ali Behbehani,
Hawaii.

Labour law puzzle

SIR: The new labour law was published in the Kuwait Al Youm on Jan 22, forbidding part-time employment, but despite that, the vice-rector for research, Kuwait University, has advertised for part-time manpower. (AT, Feb 16-17).

This is a clear case showing that the left hand of government does not know what the right hand is doing.

Can anyone explain to me this puzzle?
Phillip Innes,
Safat.



Appeal for bonus

SIR: While generously sanctioning bonus to all government employees the private sector has been forgotten.

It would certainly be a noble gesture on the part of HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Premier and the Cabinet to suggest and exhort the private sector to do likewise.

I am sure this gesture will be appreciated by all the people in Kuwait and call upon Allah to bless this beloved country and its rulers.

Hassan Haroon,
Safat.

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No lights, no food but a lot of photos of Ceausescu

By William Echikson

PARIS: It was not a happy birthday party.

As Romanian leader Nicolae Ceausescu turned 71, more than 60 émigrés and journalists gathered here on Jan 26 to protest his continuing rule, which has led his communist country to poverty and ruin. Romania has rich agricultural lands and large oil reserves. But today, electricity and gas are strictly rationed despite the winter cold, and supermarket shelves are empty of even the most basic staples. All this while the only officially sanctioned personality cult in the East bloc revolves around Ceausescu.

"It's totally absurd," says Josy Dubie, a Belgian journalist who recently completed an hour-long television show on Romania, which has received widespread publicity in Western Europe. "There are no lights, no food, even when you arrive at a luxury hotel at 10:30 in the evening, there's nothing to eat in the restaurant."

Ceausescu's birthday celebrations in Bucharest included a daily two-hour regime of TV broadcasts filled with smiling photos of "our well-loved guide" meeting foreign visitors or of children's choruses singing praises. Bookstores are packed only with volumes by the "Great Conductor." Cinemas show films extolling the "Genius of the Carpathians" and the "Danube of Thought."

Loans
During the 1970s, the Romanian leader directed \$10 billion in loans to an inefficient petrochemical industry and grandiose projects such as a little-used \$2 billion shipping canal. Then in 1981, Ceausescu decreed that the debt be paid back in full at a

breakneck pace by exporting everything possible, including food.

By 1990, the debt may be cut to near zero. The cost includes long lines in front of empty butcher shops. Food supplies are so bad that "hot food" — if only of a quality on a par with labour camps — has become a luxury," reports a London publication, the Eastern European Newsletter.

Ceausescu has also embarked on a drastic "redevelopment" scheme. For the past five years, bulldozers have ploughed down churches and other historic buildings in central Bucharest, displacing more than 40,000 residents. In their place, a post-modern Boulevard of the Victory of Socialism is rising, complete with a monumental royal palace for the party leader himself.

Late last year, Ceausescu revived an old blueprint to bring his style of urban redevelopment to the countryside. Dubbed "Sistematzare," for "systemization" in Romanian, the plan calls for the destruction of up to 8,000 villages by the year 2000, to be replaced by new "agro-industrial centres."

Eliminate
The official goal is to open up new land and increase farming efficiency. Agricultural experts say the plan could instead reduce private production of food by up to a half. "Sistematzare," a real goal seems to be to eliminate the countryside's rich folk culture, particularly among the large German and Hungarian minorities.

Until recently, only a few villages around Bucharest had been razed. But Mihnea Berindei, vice-president of the Romanian League of Human Rights here in Paris, has received reports that in the past month

several villages around other large cities have been razed. In public addresses, and two recent interviews with Western publications, Ceausescu has reaffirmed his determination to proceed.

Protest is being organised from an unexpected quarter, Warsaw Pact ally Hungary. For a year now, Budapest has been describing the plan as a threat to the cultural identity of the 2 million ethnic Hungarians living in Transylvania. And it has begun accepting thousands of Hungarian refugees fleeing their homeland. Over the summer, Hungarian leader Karoly Gossz met Ceausescu in an effort to call off the plan. Their pleas failed.

"There's been no change," says one Hungarian official in Budapest. "If anything, the situation has gotten worse."

Western governments also have begun to add their voices to the criticism. Not long ago, the West praised Ceausescu for his independent foreign policy, which included condemning the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. Now, both the US and Western Europe have publicly aired criticism of the village plan — and plans are being considered to refuse buying Romanian food products.

Attack
Ceausescu in turn has attacked Hungary and the West for calls in the US Congress for withdrawing the Most Favoured Nation Trade status, he unilaterally ended the preferential trade concessions. Still émigrés here approve of taking a tough line.

The Western attitude has helped isolate Ceausescu," says Ariadna Combes, the daughter of dissident Doina Cornea, who was freed from prison in Cluj after persistent protests here in France. "My mother's case shows the strength of public

opinion."

The Soviet attitude seems more ambiguous. In the past year, Berindei says Soviet press coverage of Romania has been "globally positive." Romania remains a key food supplier for the Soviet Union and a reliable buyer of Soviet gas and oil. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev criticised Ceausescu when the Romanian visited Moscow last year — but he seems to have no successor in view.

"What if Gorbachev do, create a crisis when he has no one to take over?" Berindei asks. "For him, it's just much better to let Romania become more and more dependent economically on the Soviet Union."

Change

Before any real change takes place, Berindei and others say Romanians will have to stand up for their rights. In November 1987, more than 10,000 workers and residents in the industrial city of Brasov rioted, touching off a chain of smaller work stoppages and protests around the country. Massive repression by the feared secret services, the Securitate, soon restored order. Since then, except for some short scattered strikes, the country has stayed relatively quiet and off the world headlines. In this peasant-dominated country, no deep tradition of political participation or resistance exists. Occupied by the Turks, squeezed by the Russians and the Germans, the Romanian has learned from history to keep his head down.

But this may be changing slowly. A new opposition movement called the Respect for the Dignity of the Romanian People slowly has taken shape within the last year.

The Christian Science Monitor.

Pragmatists and hard-liners struggle for power

Death threat underlines split in Iran hierarchy

By Ed Blanche

NICOSIA, Cyprus. (AP): Ayatollah Khomeini's death threat against British author Salman Rushdie points to an intensification of the power struggle between the so-called pragmatists seeking better relations with the West and revolutionary hardliners.

The furor over Rushdie's novel, "The Satanic Verses," probably stems more from the machinations between political rivals within the Tehran hierarchy than it does from religious outrage.

Diplomats and analysts see the hand of radicals behind Khomeini's bizarre death sentence on Rushdie for allegedly defaming Islam in his novel. The radicals are led by the increasingly powerful Interior Minister, Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, and Intelligence Minister Mohammad Reza Shahr.

Their aim was to undercut efforts by Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani and his allies to end Iran's self-imposed isolation and to shed its image as a nation of Islamic fanatics who sponsor terrorism.

Iran's improving relations with Britain, which the hard-liners consider second only to the United States as an enemy of the revolution, were severely jolted

by Khomeini's death sentence on Rushdie.

London suspended plans to boost its representation in Tehran, only recently restored after a diplomatic dispute. Other Western countries' condemned Khomeini for giving Muslim fanatics a licence to kill a foreign national.

The timing of Khomeini's angry outburst over the novel last week was odd, although it came after violent riots over the book claimed lives in Pakistan and India.

The *Satanic Verses* was first published in Britain last September. While it triggered Muslim protests in Saudi Arabia, India and Pakistan, it barely raised a ripple of outrage in Iran, which considers itself the beacon of Islamic fundamentalism among the world's estimated 800 million Muslims.

Some analysts see Khomeini's dramatic move to call for Rushdie's head as a bid to reassert himself as the pre-eminent leader in the Islamic world following his humiliating acceptance last July of a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire in the war with Iraq.

Deadly
The 88-year-old revolutionary patriarch admitted publicly that his agreement to end the conflict, at Rafsanjani's urging, was "more deadly than drinking poison."

Khomeini had turned the war into an Islamic crusade against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, one prong in his drive to export his Islamic revolution through subversion and covert action.

The ceasefire, after a string of Iranian defeats on the battlefield, badly undermined the credibility of that campaign and marked a major setback for hardliners like Mohtashemi.

But the explanation that most diplomats and analysts consider most likely is efforts by hardliners to discredit Rafsanjani, whose faction has been gaining

the upper hand in the power struggle in Tehran. Rafsanjani, while endorsing Rushdie's book, markedly did not publicly endorse the death sentence and, reportedly, President Khomeini, sought to defuse the tension by saying that if Rushdie publicly apologized the death sentence might be dropped.

Rafsanjani, named by Khomeini as acting commander-in-chief of Iran's armed forces last June, holds several key political positions and is considered the most powerful figure in Tehran after Khomeini.

Dealings
Iraq and that it cannot afford to be at odds with the rest of the world while it rebuilds after the war, he has stressed that Tehran no longer seeks to export its revolution by militant means.

To the radicals, that is anathema and counter to the principles of the revolution.

The clamour over Rushdie's book has the hallmarks of earlier efforts by Rafsanjani's rivals to end his policies.

In November 1986, the leaked word of his clandestine dealings with the United States to trade hostages held by Iranian Shiite Muslim extremists in Lebanon for badly needed military hardware.

Rafsanjani wriggled out by that by admitting it unparliamentary, plunging President Ronald Reagan's administration into a major crisis and claiming it as a political victory.

Dealings
Arab sources with some knowledge of later dealings of Iranian moderates to free Western hostages in Lebanon have said that hardliners like Mohtashemi, who has long had close links with the kidnappers, have blocked efforts by the pragmatists to free the captives and gain friends in the West.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1573 — Irish rebellion is crushed effectively with surrender of James Fitzmaurice; Pacification of Perth ends fighting in Scotland between Regent and supporters of Mary Queen of Scots.
- 1574 — Fifth war of religion breaks out in France.
- 1660 — Sweden's King Charles IX executes leaders of pro-Polish party for treason.
- 1766 — Duchy of Lorraine is incorporated into France.
- 1820 — Cato Street conspiracy to murder British cabinet minister is discovered.
- 1836 — Siege of the Alamo begins in US state of Texas against Mexican attackers.
- 1854 — Britain agrees to leave territory north of Orange River in South Africa, allowing for establishment of constitution for Orange Free State.
- 1901 — Britain and Germany agree on boundary between German East Africa and Nyasaland.
- 1933 — Japan begins occupation of China north of the Great Wall.
- 1942 — Japanese submarine shells oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California (US).
- 1964 — Britain recognizes President Abdul Amari Karume's regime in Zanzibar.
- 1970 — Republic of Guyana, formerly British Guiana, formally ends association with Britain but remains within Commonwealth.
- 1973 — Fighting continues in Laos despite peace agreement between Laotian government and communist-led Pathet Lao.
- 1975 — US decision to end arms embargo against Pakistan draws wrath of India, which cancels planned March meeting in Washington, D.C.
- 1988 — US Secretary of State George Shultz, in Belgium, says Soviet Union has made "very clear" commitment to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan.

EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Young Artists Exhibition
Until Feb 23: Paintings by young Kuwaiti artists are on show at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem gallery, open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm.
Ghadir Gallery
Until March 19: Recent paintings by British water colour artist Patricia Mills will be shown at the Ghadir Gallery, Salhiya Complex, mezzanine, Gate 5, daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8.30 pm.
Sultan Gallery
An exhibition of paintings by Bangladeshi artist Mounirul Islam is open at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanim Bldg., Al Soor St., daily except Friday from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 8 pm.

CINEMA

British Council
Feb 23 (10.30 am): Moon Dreamers, a collection of animated stories for the young, will be shown. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512/2533204/2533227.

MUSIC

Indian music show postponed
Feb 24: (3-6 pm) The Sur Sangeet Music Group has postponed the Indian music show at the Sharq co-operative auditorium as Edwin Das has fallen ill. The next date for the show will be announced later.
Red Army Choir
March 4/5: The Red Army Choir and dance ensemble will perform at the Andalus Cinema, presenting music, dance and ballet with a selection of folk dances, Cossack and Armenian, plus choral singing.

Tickets available at the Andalus Box-Office.

EXHIBITION

Islamic Coins in Sweden
Last day of the Islamic Coins in Sweden exhibition at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamia (Islamic Arts Museum), open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm.
Modern Kuwait
Feb 26 - March 8: The Kuwait University's Arts and Culture Department will hold a photographic exhibition on "Modern Kuwait" at the College of Commerce, Adeliya. It will be open on Feb 26 at 10 am.
Video films will be shown during the exhibition, which coincides with the Kuwait National Day celebration. The film schedule is as follows:
Feb 26 (10 am and 12 noon): Kuwait: The Road to Progress.
Feb 27 (9 am and 11 am): Kuwait: My Country.
Feb 28 (9 am and 11 am):

Computers in Kuwait.

The documentaries will be shown at the Arts and Culture Department, College of Commerce, Adeliya.

SOCIAL

Bangladesh Martyr's Day
Feb 23: The Bangladesh Association will hold a discussion at 7 pm (not 6.00 pm as previously announced) followed by a cultural programme to mark the Martyr's Day. All Bangladeshis are invited for both events which will be held at the Bangladesh embassy premises.
Indian Dance Recital
Feb 23/24 (6.30 pm): Dr Padma Subramanyam will give a Bharata Natya (dance-ballet) recital.
Feb 25 (6 pm): Dr Padma will give a solo-recital called "Jataya Moksham", danced to Tchaikovsky's music. Performances will be held at the IAC, Funaitees. For entry passes

contact 3904817.

Gayathri Arts

Feb 25: 10 am - 5 pm. The Gayathri Arts Organisation for Arts and Sports will hold a social event to celebrate the Nehru Centenary at the Indian embassy hall.

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KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoon serial
9.45 Tum Tek and Children
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.30 Variety Show
11.00 Breakaway: English feature film
1.00 News
1.05 World today via satellite
1.40 Eedak Ya Watani: National Day
2.30 Sports at a Week: a weekly programme focussing on local and world sports.
4.45 Cartoons
5.15 Liqa Al Khamis.
7.00 News Summary
7.05 From People's Art
7.30 Show Jumping: local equestrian events
8.30 Documentary on the Kuwaiti
8.30 News
8.30 World today via satellite
11.00 Late Night Variety Show
1.15 News summary
1.20 World today via satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown
FRIDAY
9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

9.45 Children's Magazine followed by songs and music
11.15 Friday prayer and Friday sermon
1.00 News
1.05 World today via satellite
1.35 Eedak Ya Watani: National Day
3.45 Bait Al Tanash: Arabic film, starring Ismael Yaseen, Shadiya, Abdul Salam Nablusi, Zeenat Sudqi, Abdul Fattah Al Qasri.
6.15 Songs and Music
7.00 News Summary
7.45 Good Evening, followed by local news.
8.30 Documentary on Kuwait
9.00 News
10.00 Wrestling
10.45 Ard Wa Kard: Arabic play.
1.45 News summary
1.50 World today via satellite
2.15 Holy Quran Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 The Real Ghost Busters: cartoon serial.

6.30 Fairy Tale Theatre: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin". The story of the pied piper who rids a town of rats.
7.30 T and T: "Junkyard Blues". Emmy has disappeared and Mr. T wants to find her.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Oldest Rookie: "Ike and Son".
9.40 Incredible Sunday: tonight's programme features an unusual musical therapy, curing a disability by dancing and a miraculous rescue operation.
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Angel and the Badman" (1946). Starring: John Wayne, Gail Russell. A notorious gunslinger is reformed by the love of a Quaker girl.
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

3.30 Holy Quran
3.40 The Sylvanian Family: new cartoon feature for children.
4.00 Italian Football

5.30 American Basketball
6.30 Star Trek: "Heart of Glory". Another spaceship intercepts the Enterprise.
7.30 Face to Face: a local talk show, presented by KTV and hosted by Ali Noor.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Breaking Away
8.55 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore introduces this sports show on English League games.
9.40 Weekend: local programme on news and views about Kuwait.
10.00 The Charmings: "Lillian Loses the Kids". While Snow and Eric go to work, Lillian takes the children to a shopping mall. Comedy.
10.30 Friday Special: "Intrigue".
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Concert
Al Salmiya
People's Theatre
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Al Hamra
Saheb Al Soorah (Arabic)

Drive-In
Gharra Al Afawi (Arabic).
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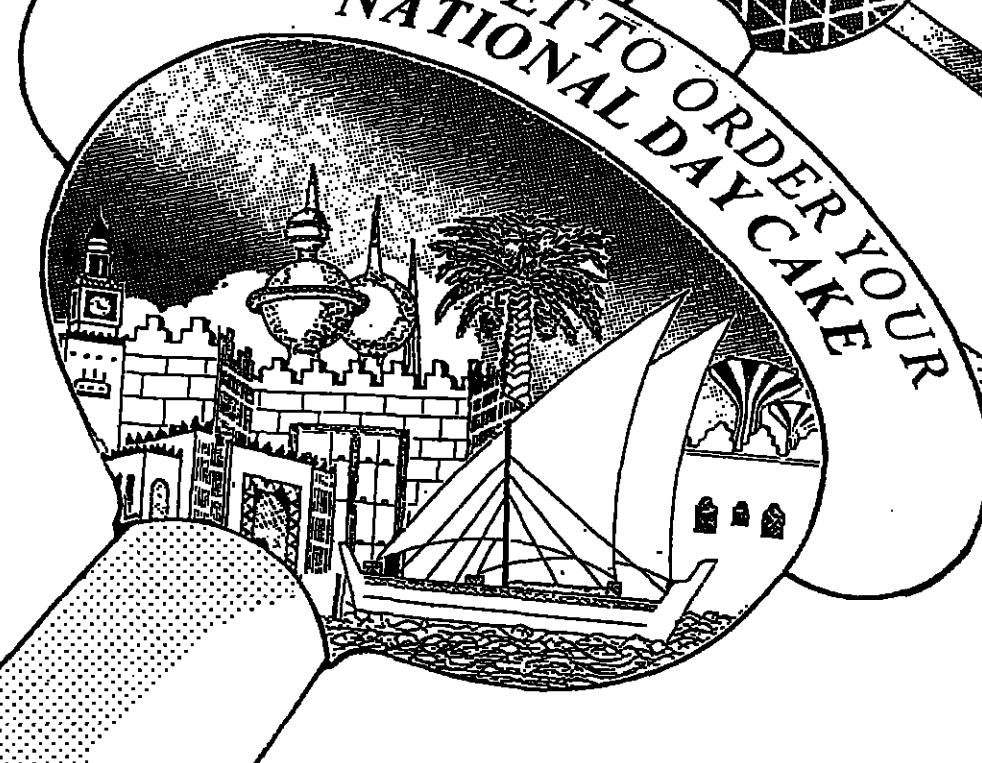
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Badaitey Rishic Ki (Hindi)
Al Fahadheel
Abojmon (Bengali)
Al Jahra
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THE big Soviet secret is out. The press has revealed that Mikhail Gorbachev makes \$30,000 a year—not a princely sum by Donald Trump standards, but certainly in the same ball park as a United States congressman.

Many people are wondering how Mikhail and Raisa live on his pay. One person who has the answer is Len Newsom, a State Department expert on Soviet salaries.

"The reason the Gorbachevs can get by on \$30,000 a year," he told me, "is that they don't spend anything. And they don't spend anything because there is nothing to buy in Moscow."

"It's hard to believe," I said.

"Let's say that Raisa wants codfish for dinner, which is selling for 20 roubles a kilo. She goes to the store at 8 in the morning and stands in line with the other shoppers. At 6 that evening the fish merchant yells, 'No more codfish' and slams the door. Raisa goes home and tells Mikhail she just saved another 20 roubles from the household budget."

Lem continued, "The beauty of the Soviet economy is that everything you could possibly spend money on doesn't exist. Therefore, at the end of the year most of a Soviet citizen's salary is intact."

"Lenin wanted it that," I agreed.

"In the State

The Art Buchwald Column

A good salary

Department we have observed that while his salary is low by American standards, Gorbachev has many friends in the Soviet Union just as Ronald Reagan does in California. So, if the Gorbachevs need shoes, the head of the shoe co-operative in Murmansk will provide them. And if they need mulch, it will be delivered gratis within the hour by the Mulch Commissar of Smolensk himself.

"But what about Raisa's clothes?" I asked.

"While there have been groups critical of Raisa for borrowing expensive clothes from Soviet couturiers, defenders insist that she has started a demand for Russian creations that no other Communist first lady ever did before. Even Mrs. Khrushchev didn't do as much for fashion as Mrs. Gorbachev has."

"What with the perks and the borrowing, it's hard to believe that any chief of a superpower could not make ends meet on \$30,000," I added.

Lem said, "I haven't told you the big surprise yet. The one thing that keeps the Gorbachevs alive and well is their American

Express card. How they got the card is a story in itself."

"They agreed to pose for an ad?" I suggested.

"No. The CIA went to American Express and said it wanted the company to issue a card to the Supreme Leader of the Soviet Union. American Express replied that it had had very bad luck with Soviet credit. Brezhnev stuck them for three airline tickets to Tashkent, and once they had to send a bill collector to Moscow to find Kosygin when he stiffed them for 20 dinners in Bulgaria. The collector disappeared and was never heard from again."

Newsom continued, "The CIA was adamant that the Gorbachevs receive a credit card and told American Express that the agency would guarantee the unpaid accounts. American Express put the CIA's name into the computer and it turned out that its credit wasn't any better than the Kremlin's."

"Only after intervention from the White House was a card issued to the Gorbachevs. Mikhail was surprised to receive it, but Raisa told him not to ask any questions. So Gorbachev decided to use



the American Express card as a test of sincere relations between the US and USSR.

"He told Raisa, 'If we can charge and they don't ask us to pay that means the Americans really want glasnost. If they keep demanding the money, we'll know that when it comes to arms reduction that they keep demanding the money, we'll know that when it comes to arms reduction that they are just faking it.'"

"Well, the rest is history. All Gorbachev's American Express bills are paid for by the CIA. The arrangement has worked out so well there is talk that if an agreement is reached on long-range missiles, Mikhail and Raisa will be issued a Gold American Express card—the highest honour that any country in the Free World can bestow on a foreign leader."

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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

Once the poor relation of the lucrative Bombay and Madras film industry, the Bengali cinema is now enjoying a commercial success envied by producers who are now pouring into Calcutta to finance new projects.

IN THE current slump faced by the Indian film industry, there appears to be one glimmer of hope, and surprisingly enough it is the small Bengali cinema that is providing the silver lining on the cloud.

Till a few years ago, Bengal's film industry was in the doldrums, with annual production figures falling alarmingly and the profits even more so.

The artistic works of Satyajit Ray, Mrinal Sen, Tapan Sinha or even a semi-commercial director like Tarun Majumdar could not rescue this regional cinema, and it has been left to a short, stocky and semi-literate man to bring a revolution and bring the Bengali audience back to theatres in a big way.

That man is Anjaan Choudhry, who started as a film writer and became a director, without any formal training except as an observer on film shootings. When I met him in Tollygunge studio, working on his latest Bengali film *Hirak Jayanti* with his daughter Chumki as the heroine, I could not believe my eyes that this seemingly unimpressive looking man, speaking broken English and Hindi, had brought about a one-man resurrection to an entire regional industry.

Refresher

A visit to Calcutta is always a cultural refresher and full of surprises. Films are still made at costs as low as Rs15 to 20 lakhs. All artists, even popular film stars, work regularly on the stage, to supplement their income as well as to satisfy their artistic urges. Some like Aparna Sen and Soumitra Chatterji produce their own stageplays, having as many as five shows a week. Satyajit Ray has just completed his new film *Ganashtatra* (Enemy of the People) with Soumitra.

The studios are simple, the sets are small but realistic, and decorated artistically with typical Bengali motifs. The director is still the king and no star tantrums are tolerated.

Limelight

Anjaan Choudhry was in full command of the situation, except for the occasional breaks in electric power which plunged the set into complete darkness. Other directors also dominate the whole process, but Anjaan of course has a special position, since he has been so successful. He is the most sought-after director in Bengal. And if he has no time to direct, producers tell him to at least write the script and dialogue, because they sell.

Anjaan came in the limelight with *Shatru*, which he still considers his best film, as it had substance and purpose. The later

Producers cash in on Bengali cinema boom



Joy Banerji and Chumki in Anjaan Choudhry's Bengali film 'Hirak Jayanti.'

movies were either melodramas or entertainers, with lots of songs. *Chhoti Bahu* a family drama became a big hit. Guru Dakshina, a romantic musical, broke all previous Bengali records. *Bidroh* and *Anjali* were average hits. And when a Rs20-lakh film like *Guru Dakshina* does a business of Rs2 crores, it is time for everyone to sit up and take notice.

The shrewd producers from the South are the first to gate-crash in the Bengali film world, though South is as different from West Bengal as Cape Comorin is from the Himalayas. However, the systematic approach to filmmaking and the discipline are the same in both places. The director is respected and films are made in the right way, unlike Bombay. Thus producers are venturing into familiar but fresher pastures, as the South's own formulas have been failing, recently.

Collaboration

The first producer was the veteran L.V. Prasad, who did a Bengali re-make of his film *Bidal* under the same title, in collaboration with Anjaan. The film has just been released. The next was the prosperous Gowda film family of Bangalore, which has made several important Kannada films and is also deeply involved in distribution and running of theatres. They have recently completed the shooting of their first Bengali film *Ekhane Amaar Swarga* written by Anjaan and directed by Jahar Biswas, to be soon followed by three more. The producer is K.C.N. Chandrashekar.

Since Bengal is a virgin territory for them, he has entrusted

the distribution to Cyrus Tata, of the 45-year-old Bilimoria-Lalji Company. The film is presented under the banner K.C.N. Enterprises, Bangalore and Calcutta, which itself speaks for inter-provincial integration.

A third Bombay angle comes in the interesting shape of Deepika (as heroine), with Asha Bhosle and Amit Kumar singing to the tunes of R.D. Burman. This is Deepika's second Bengali film. (Following in her footsteps are other Bombay starlets like Khushbu and Farha). Ekhane Amaar Swarga, which means "this alone is my heaven" is a family drama and the Bengali co-stars at top hero Tapas Pal, with Soumitra Chatterji, Sumitra Mukherji, Ruma Guha (Kishore Kumar's ex-wife) and so on.

Pattern

The Gowda family presents an interesting pattern. The head K.C.N. Gowda entered the film business 20 years ago, by taking over a theatre and running the hits of razing Kannada star Raj Kumar. Then they went into distribution (more than 200 films) and also production of successful as well as award-winning films with director Putanna Kanagal, like *Shara Panjara* starring the top Bangalore heroine Kalpana, who later committed suicide.

Another notable film was *Bangarda Manushya* (golden hearted man) which ran for two years. And yet, their main business has continued to be pure silk saris and textiles.

Their historical film *Huliya Haalini Meva*, in cinemascope with Raj Kumar, cost Rs65 lakhs. They also had a brief

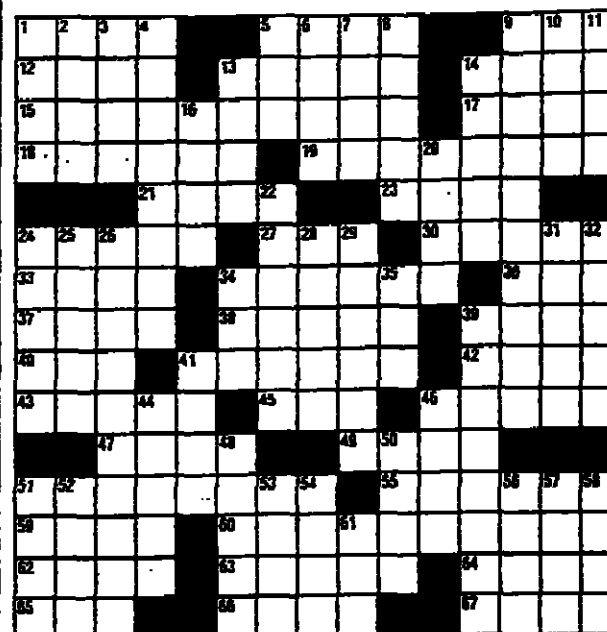
brush with Hindi films, but this did not fare well. Thereupon, K.C.N. Chandrashekar and his brother began to manage the film side. Continuing the distribution of Kannada hits like *Premalok* (starring Jubi Chawla with Ravi Chandran), they have decided to go only into Bengali production. The next will be planned by Anjaan Choudhry and directed by Sujit Guha. The third is entrusted to Tarun Majumdar. K.C.N. has also bought up the re-make rights of *Guru Dakshina*, for South's four languages.

Invading

In reverse, Anjaan has revealed that he is invading Bombay with two films. A re-make of *Chhoti Bahu* will have Jaya Prada, Bindu, Farha, Govinda, etc. to be produced by Mithun. And there will be a big surprise with Amitabh Bachchan, called *Ishwar Parmeshwar*, which is to start soon. Here, Amitabh plays a lecherous landlord, who defowers many women and agrees to marry Jaya Prada, only to make her sing outside her temple. After this, he abandons her but she slowly reforms him. For this film, Anjaan will have to leave Bengali films for a while which are now earning a lot of money.

While in Calcutta, I also saw Tarun's latest film *Agamasa* which was celebrating its silver jubilee. Despite the hackneyed rich-poor theme, the film had entertainment value and good performances by stars like Tapas Pal and Debashri Roy. The other popular pair in Bengal is Shatabdi Roy and Prasenjit (son of Biswajit).

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Topgallant
 - 5 Latin 1 word
 - 9 Former price-fixing org.
 - 12 Eye boldly
 - 13 San Antonio shrine
 - 14 Midterm, for one
 - 15 Color for a Canton bride
 - 17 Hairdo
 - 18 Tack for a racer
 - 19 Betrayers
 - 21 Life of Riley
 - 23 Ham additive
 - 24 Trail marker
 - 27 Farrow
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 - 33 Story villain
 - 34 Relating to the mind
 - 36 Part of mpg
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 - 38 Synthetic fiber
 - 39 Urful treasures
 - 40 — a girl
 - 41 Polytheists
 - 42 "Have You Ever — Lonely?"
 - 43 Jawaharlal of India
 - 45 Flock female
 - 46 Sanctuaries
 - 47 Money, in Mannheim
 - 49 Pedestal part
 - 51 Ramparts
 - 55 Least common
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 - 10 Henry VIII's sixth
 - 11 An Alcott
 - 13 "— Tod": Grieg
 - 14 Corroded
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 - 20 Dante's homeland: Abbr.
 - 22 Come to light
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 - 25 Turnbull
 - 26 St. Patrick's
- Day color**
- 28 Son—
 - 29 Exploded
 - 31 Badger relative
 - 32 Turgenev heroine
 - 34 Flightless bird
 - 35 Reply: Abbr.
 - 39 Assimilated
 - 41 Paper material
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 - 48 Crusoe's creator
 - 50 Bow shapes
 - 51 Ago
 - 52 Busy as —
 - 53 Mine car
 - 54 Bristle: Comb. form
 - 56 A Fitzgerald
 - 57 Kind of pump
 - 58 Mrs. Dick Tracy
 - 61 Snare

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
CHANGING PATTERNS

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ K 7 3
♥ 9 3
♦ A Q J 9
♣ A 9 7 2

WEST
♠ J 10
♥ J 7 6 4 2
♦ K 2
♣ Q 10 6 3

EAST
♠ 8 6 5 4 2
♥ 10 8 5
♦ 10 7 6 5 4
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9
♥ A K Q
♦ 8 3
♣ K J 8 5 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠	Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

Suppose someone were to give you the club combination featured in this hand and then ask you how you would play it. You would first have to ask how many tricks you needed from the suit. And even then, the answer might not be relevant to the hand from which the combination was taken.

North-South reached an excellent

six-club contract on the auction shown. Note that, despite his 19 HCP, South did not jump shift because his suit was poor and he had no fit for partner. That did not deter his side from getting to slam.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

GIOTE PROUD FIAT
URIAL MAJAD LEMAR
BLACKTOITHEFUTURE
ADDO ESALU LENTIL
ARIL MYNA
BULLEY LAET CPA
ELIOT BURN LOAD
IN THE BACK OF MIND
GAEA ASIS RIDE
ERR AURA TAD
NBBAL
AMORIAL SEAS HIRE
BACKSEATDRIVERS
CURIE LOGO HASP
LAND AWET STAY

Now if you were given the North-South hands and asked how you would play the trumps, your only correct answer would be: "I don't know!" Before you could decide on how to handle the trump suit, you would have to know whether or not you had a diamond loser.

Win the opening lead in hand and take the diamond finesse immediately. If it loses, you cannot afford a trump loser and your percentage play is to cash the ace-king in an attempt to drop the queen. But when the jack of diamonds holds the second trick, you can afford a safety play in the trump suit.

The correct way to tackle it is to lead low from the ace, putting up the king whether or not East follows. If both defenders follow, cash the ace and claim at least 12 tricks. If East shows out, continue by leading a trump to the A-9, and win as cheaply as possible. If West shows out, a trump to the ace and a trump back toward the jack again limits the defense to one trump trick.



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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The Moon's better influence will help you to deal with a difficult problem. Venus' influence too will help you with a personal matter. Do not expect to get something for nothing. Be tactful.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Once you have made up your mind stick to it. Do not slacken your efforts or give up at the slightest encounter of an obstacle. Discuss yes, argue no. Be reliable.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

The results of one of your actions will not be as good as you had hoped. You should make sure you do not reveal a secret. Avoid playing with fire. Be reserved.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Your mood will have its ups and downs and you should do all you can to avoid controversy. Use just a little more common sense. Jupiter's more favourable influence will help you to make the right decision. Be loyal.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

Do not expect others always to agree with you. 33 and 54 are your lucky numbers. Something you had expected to happen will but not quite as you had anticipated. Listen carefully to what others are saying. Be true to your word.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You should take somewhat better care of your health. Make sure you do not do anything out of spite or malice. If you receive an invitation do not stay too long. Be responsible.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

The Moon's better influence will help you when dealing with a rather neurotic person. You will have to deal with an unusual situation and should try a new approach. Watch out for careless drivers. Be frank.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will feel a little lethargic, but if you make an effort you will be able to snap out of it. You should not allow yourself to be flooded by remorse, just resolve to do better next time. A little more patience is needed. Be on your guard.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Something you have been unsure about will now become more definite. You must not expect others to do precisely what you would like them to do. Avoid spending just a "little" more than you had intended. Be patient.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

An unavoidable heavy expense will have to be met by economies elsewhere. Do not allow some small mishap to disturb your inner peace of mind. Do not get in your own way or obstruct others. Be helpful.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

The wind is in your sails but you will not be altogether sure of your direction. You should not be too proud to ask for and take advice. Avoid being too liberal with your promises. Be tolerant.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will tend to tilt at windmills and should try to avoid doing so. There is no reason not to have faith in yourself and every reason to stick to your principles. Do not believe all you hear. Be magnanimous.

Kuwait's water woes solved through scientific research

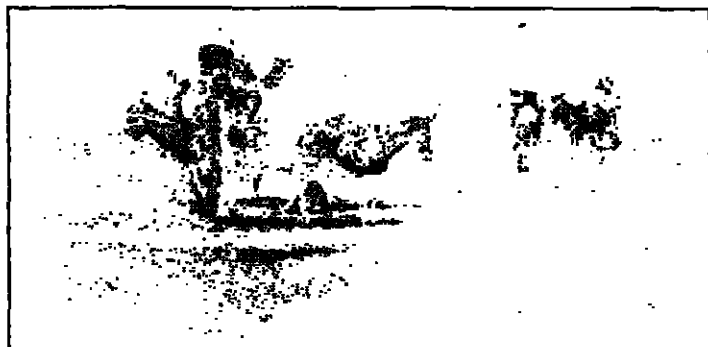
Through modern technology and a concerned effort, Kuwait has managed to secure its needs of fresh water despite the enormous increase in population over the past 30 years.

KUWAIT, (KUNA): The shortage of fresh water, one of the big problems facing the Kuwaiti people, has been solved through scientific research and continuous adoption of highly sophisticated technological methods.

The problem which is due to lack of natural water resources has constituted a big hazard, but through exploiting modern technology and intensifying research efforts, the country has managed to secure its needs of fresh water, despite the enormous increase in population number over the past 30 years.

Prior to Kuwait's renaissance and modern economic development, inhabitants were securing their requirements of drinking water through traditional devices such as digging surface wells, storing rain water or bringing water from the Shatt-Al-Arab by boats.

But as Kuwait's population increased from 200,000 in 1957 to 1,300,000 in 1986, consumption of drinking water has consequently jumped from



Lack of natural water resources constituted a big hazard in the past. 1,800,000 to 105,400,000 imperial gallons per day for the same period, the government has been exerting extensive efforts to satisfy this growing demand.

Desalination of sea water has been a major source in this regard, with the government allocating large funds every year

to carry out continuous standardization and modernization works on existing desalination stations as well as establishing new ones.

The Kuwait Scientific Research Institute (KISR) has been actively formulating studies pertaining to all aspects of



An expert explains the workings of the desalination plant in Doha.

desalination processes including means of cutting down operational costs and developing cheaper alternatives.

Aware of the importance of this issue, KISR in co-operation with the West German Scientific Research Corporation introduced in 1984 the device of desalination by reverse osmosis in a bid to replace the costly traditional method of desalination.

An experimental station of reverse osmosis desalination was built, and after two years of successful trials, the Kuwaiti side assumed absolute operational and managing works of the modern installation at the Kuwait suburb of Doha.

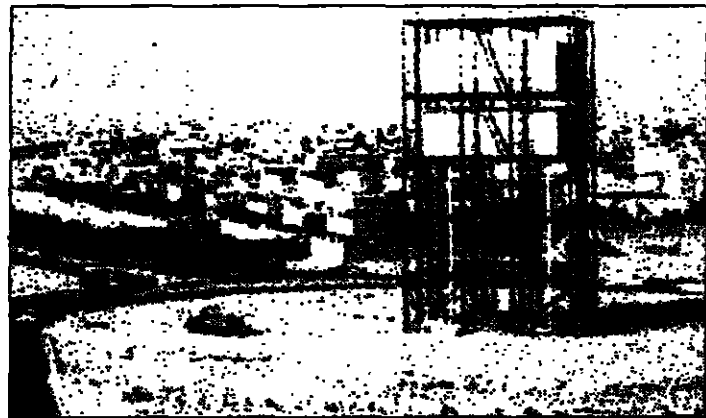
Results from the new method were very encouraging and they proved extremely efficient in operation, with significant cost reduction compared with existing desalination stations.

The experimental station at Doha with a daily production capacity of 800,000 imperial gallons of fresh water of high quality, is expected to lead to an overall reconsideration of present desalination stations in Kuwait with the aim of developing them into "reverse osmosis" installations.

A three-year programme for further developing the modern device has been formulated by the KISR under which the institute would conduct three major scientific research projects, all of them aimed at securing the country's requirements of fresh water from cheaper sources.



Elevated water tanks replaced the traditional cisterns in Kuwait as the country developed.



Kuwait's first water tower erected in Safat Square.



Services are offered to both mother and child at the Ministry of Public Health.

Child care makes great strides in Kuwait

THE maternity and childhood care section at the Ministry of Public Health offers its services in light of the ancient Arab proverb "prevention is better than cure."

"Services are offered to both mother and child," said Dr Laila Dousari, head of the section. Mothers can receive pre-marriage and post-marriage care at the section's centres, children are offered care from birth until their fifth year of age and sometimes until they become 12 years old, she added.

Pre-marriage services, Dr Dousari said, range from conducting tests to would-be couples related to hereditary diseases to medical counselling for newly-married people.

Counselling is also offered after marriage and pregnant women are instructed on how cope with their pregnancies.

The maternity and childhood care section supervises 67 centres stationed in various areas of the country, of which 42 centres are allocated for child care and 25 for mother services.

Dr Dousari strongly warned against women's giving birth at home away from medical care and supervision. Such cases however, are very few, in Kuwait she added.

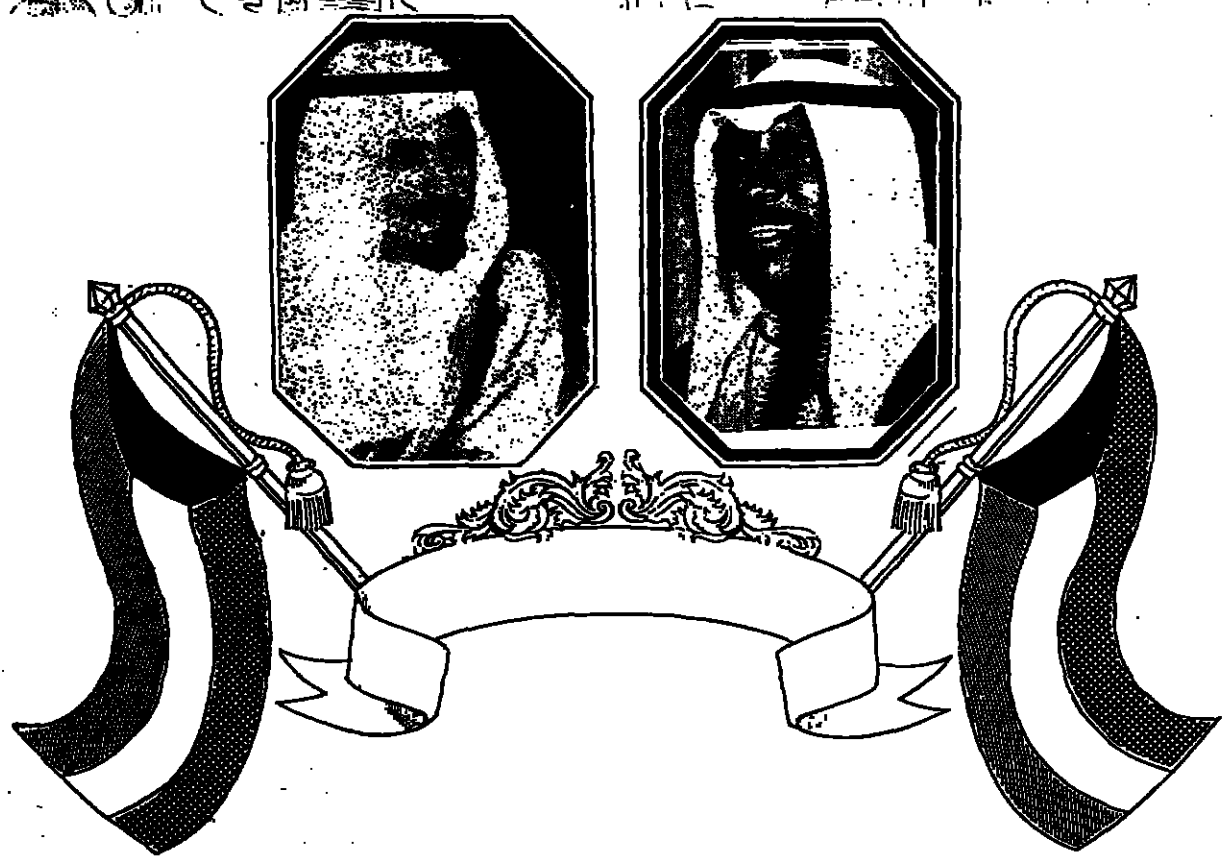
Children are cared for until they become five years old, but a number of the section's centres in non-densely populated areas offer services for children till 12.

Child care is a two-pronged technique: vaccination against certain diseases and follow up of child physical and mental growth.

The section is supervised and run by specialists who have been on developing their professional skills and knowledge through seminars, conferences and symposiums.

The annual report prepared by the section showed visits to maternity and childhood care centres stood at 489,328 cases, that is 40,777 visits per month.

The section co-ordinates work with concerned local authorities and ministries and co-operates with the World Health Organization.



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KUWAIT

IN the very hub of the financial and commercial district of Kuwait is Safat Square, a locale which has historically served as the community gathering place of the city.

In Arabic the word 'Safat' means a patch of the hard white land without grass and the current site was established and thus named approximately a century ago when it was located at the junction of roads which met at the old city wall.

Easily accessible to the bedouin, Safat was originally a caravan stop and resting place for weary camels, before becoming a flourishing market for livestock, such as sheep and goats; and typical desert products like yeget (blocks of sun-dried milk), arfaj (camel-thorn kindling wood) and wool. Safat was also the place to load up on coffee, tea, rice and other imported products.

With time, these seasonal events became well-established and duties were collected on imported goods. Small snacks, grocery and coffee shops soon emerged and Safat Square evolved as a place for public gatherings and celebrations, especially during the Muslim festivals when the whole city would turn out to watch the sword dances and listen to music.

It was also at Safat that Kuwait Oil Company showed the first films seen in Kuwait, projected onto a screen hung from the Public Security Department.

All this was to be short-lived, however, and as the number of cars grew beyond the urban capabilities of the city so the town square was concurrently

Safat Square: a historic landmark of Kuwait



Safat Square as it was in 1958.

downgraded and impersonalised to first a roundabout and then the truly mundane: a public car park. Plans to revive the square as the focal point of the city did not effectively start until 1984 when a local firm began work on a re-development contract estimated

at KD4,250,000.

Detailing the history of the project Waleed Al Awadi, deputy manager of the construction department at Kuwait Municipality, said: "In early 1981 we invited local and international architects, planners and consultancy firms to submit designs for the development of Safat Square as a main pedestrian area in the city centre. Our role was to oversee the project, co-ordinate with other ministries and assess and select the best design."

According to Al Awadi, submittals had to take into account the following design criteria:

- a) visually enhancing the historic and traditional role of Safat Square in the life and development of Kuwait
- b) establishing different levels for pedestrian lanes across the square to nearby shopping areas
- c) setting short- and long-term design solutions for south Fahd Al Salem Street

d) making Safat, once again, the main square in Kuwait.

A Finnish company was finally selected, although obviously there have since been some modifications to their original design.

Today Safat Square comprises a network of pedestrian underpasses which lead across the main area and

Safat Square today.

through tunnels under the surrounding streets.

"Our idea is to have cafes and small shops in this area which will specialise in selling local traditional crafts."

The underpasses also lead to a 15 storey office block on the northwest of the square. When completed, the new block will form an integral part of the

development with shops on the lower floors and thirteen floors of offices. Its Mezzanine Floor will be integrated with the proposed monorail system along Fahd Al Salem Street, while the upper basement is planned to link via an underpass directly to Safat Square.

At the heart of the latter is an impressive sculptured 'tower' with a huge canopy and 30m mast constructed out of high quality Brazilian granite.

According to Al Awadi this represents the old wall of Kuwait which was originally built around the edge of the town in the 18th century and subsequently reinforced in 1920.

In 1957 the wall was demolished by developers and the line it once followed now forms the inner edge of the Green Belt. However, the old gateways have been preserved as national monuments. Safat Square similarly evokes memories of bygone days ...

"This tower is symbolic to a

bedouin tent and the sea with its sweeping canopy, shape and mast," explains Al Awadi.

Another striking element of the Safat Square design is the mural work which decorates the southern edge of the pedestrian underpass. Kuwaiti artist, Jafar Isah, was selected for this

the basis of his reputation as one of the most creative and intellectual artists in Kuwait.

The basic concept for the wall mural is kept purposefully simple as most pedestrians will afford no more than a passing glance as they hurry through.

Representing old Kuwait is a 'cidra' tree, symbolically lifelike and detailed, while an abstract rendering of a palm is Kuwait as it stands today: modern and progressive.

As well as painted trees, the real live variety are also in evidence here. The entire square is decorated with plants and landscaped with palm trees resulting in the overall ambience of a desert oasis.

One feature that any oasis can do without is the eyesore of litter which could pose a continual, potential problem in a public thoroughfare such as this. We asked Al Awadi if maintenance would be the responsibility of the Municipality who, together with the Ministry of Finance, have primarily funded the project.

"We have hired a public utilities and management company to oversee the extremely high maintenance that this project demands. So far this has worked satisfactorily," he comments.

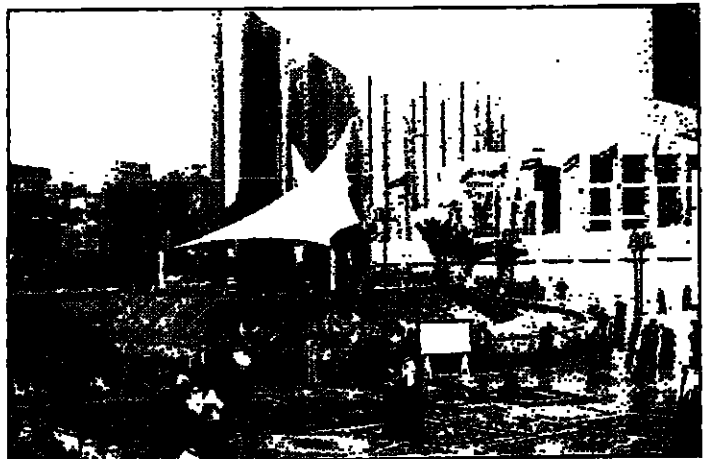
Safat Square was officially inaugurated on 29th February, 1988 in a quiet ceremony attended by a number of local government officials and dignitaries.

It is a quiet place no longer, however. These days at any given time the square serves as a busy thoroughfare for Kuwait's ever-growing pedestrian population.

COURTESY: Kuwait Municipality

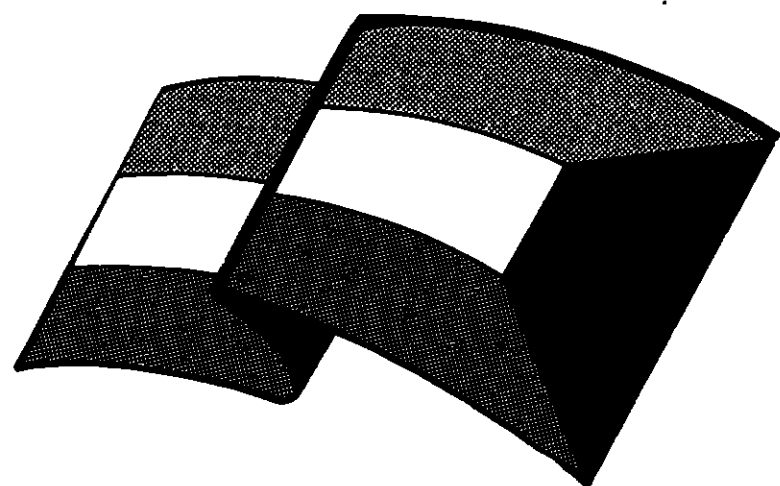


Wall murals representing Kuwait line a pedestrian walkway.



The official opening ceremony which took place quietly in February 1988.

In the days before oil, Safat Square served as a caravan stop for weary camels, a flourishing market for livestock, gradually emerging as a place for public gatherings and celebrations. Today this historic square comprises a network of pedestrian underpasses, topped by a contemporary monument symbolising the bedouin tent and the sea.



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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Nigeria to offer shares to public in African Petroleum

LAGOS, Feb 22. (Reuters): The Nigerian government said yesterday it would sell off to the public one-third of its 60-per cent stake in African Petroleum Ltd, a leading petroleum retailer here.

The partial flotation marked the second sale in a wide-ranging programme to reduce state holdings in companies.

Hamzat Zayyad, chairman of the technical committee on privatisation and commercialisation, said 17.28 million ordinary shares in African Petroleum, formerly British Petroleum Nigeria Ltd, would be offered at 1.90 naira (26 cents) per share between Feb 27 and March 17.

Sale

The privatisation programme kicked off last month with the offer for sale of 6.9 million government-held shares in Flour Mills of Nigeria Ltd.

African Petroleum shares ceased trading at 1.84 naira (26 cents) on the Nigerian Stock Exchange last month when application was made for their sale.

According to the company's statement profit before tax steadily increased to 40.2 million naira (\$5.5 million) in 1987 from 22 million naira (\$3 million) in 1985.

"It said that in 1987 it distributed more than 16 per cent of the petroleum products consumed in Nigeria."

The old BP company was nationalised in 1979 after a controversy over its parent's involvement in South Africa.

Greek state firms charged in connection with bank scandal

ATHENS, Feb 22. (Reuters): Fourteen state companies were formally charged yesterday in connection with a bank scandal that has threatened Greece's economic recovery.

Doris said he had charged the administration of some of Greece's top state companies with receiving money linked to the scandal at the Bank of Crete.

Among those charged were the national airline Olympic Airways and the state power, phone and mail companies. Doris said the charges were brought because the companies allegedly received higher than legal interest on deposits at the bank.

Fled

The scandal's central figure, Greek-American banker George Koskotas, fled last November after being charged with fraud and embezzlement involving over \$200 million at the private bank, which he owned. He is under arrest in the United States.

The scandal took a dramatic turn early this month when Doris charged George Louvaris, a close friend of Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu, with receiving money allegedly stolen by Koskotas.

Papandreu acknowledged last week he had met several times with the runaway banker and received personal letters from him concerning his business problems.

Papandreu told a parliamentary committee investigating the scandal he met Koskotas three times, starting in March 1987, and received five letters from him but answered only one.

Members of the committee were expected to leave soon for the United States to examine Koskotas in the Boston jail where he is held.

Panhandle agrees to buy Texas for \$3.2 billion

HOUSTON, Feb 22. (Reuters): Natural gas pipeline operator Panhandle Eastern Corp said yesterday it had reached agreement to buy Texas Eastern Corp for \$3.2 billion, ending a protracted fight involving Coastal Corp.

The \$3.2 billion share agreement is a total of \$650 million more than Coastal, a diversified energy company, offered for Texas Eastern. Last Friday, Texas Eastern's stock closed at \$48.50 per share.

Assets

Panhandle said it plans to continue a programme begun by Texas Eastern of divesting all its non-pipeline assets in order to concentrate on the gas transmission business. Proceeds will be used to repay debt incurred in the tender offer, it said.

Fed expects economy to expand 2.5pc to 3pc in '89

Higher interest rates needed to fight inflation

WASHINGTON, Feb 22. (Agencies): Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said yesterday higher interest rates are needed to fight inflation and only a determined effort to ease the budget deficit and other major economic problems will lower them.

Greenspan told the Senate Banking Committee that the Federal Reserve's 1989 policy on monetary growth is to curb rising prices caused by an economy growing so fast that shortages are developing in resources and labour.

He added, however: "Let me stress that the current rate of inflation, let alone an increase, is not acceptable, and our policies are designed to reduce inflation in coming years."

Commitment

Analysts said that while Greenspan's testimony before the Senate Banking Committee demonstrated a commitment to fight inflation, financial markets had hoped something stronger.

"It's a matter of tone, but the markets would have preferred a little more anti-inflation vigour," said economist David Wyss of Data Resources Inc. in

Lexington, Massachusetts.

Added economist David Jones of Aubrey G. Langston and Co. in New York: "In view of the new and disturbing evidence on inflation... the markets were expecting some even tougher talk from the Fed chairman."

"There's a general perception that maybe the Fed is falling a bit behind the inflation curve," Jones said.

Rates

Since last March, the Fed has been nudging up interest rates, trying to slow economic growth and avoid a flare-up of inflation. Those efforts intensified last week after a report on prices at the wholesale level showed a one per cent increase during the month of January, equivalent to a compounded annual inflation rate of 12.7 per cent.

Prices at the consumer level in 1988 increased by 4.4 per cent, the same pace as during the previous year and a rate that Greenspan considers worrisome.

"With the economy running close to its potential, the risks seem to be on the side of a further strengthening of prices pressures," the Fed chairman said.

"In these circumstances, the Federal Reserve remains more inclined to act in the direction of restraint than toward stimulus."

Greenspan said the Fed's task of charting monetary policy has been made more difficult by the unprecedented combination of an aging economic recovery, financial failures in the savings and loan industry, rising levels of corporate debt and the large trade and budget deficits.

"We have never confronted a situation that is exactly comparable to what we are in at this particular stage," he said.

Greenspan said the problems are so large "that it very significantly skews policy toward reducing the budget deficit and making certain that inflation does not accelerate."

"It's clear to me that much of the problems that we are confronted with could be assisted in an extremely positive way by a very expeditious and significant cut in the deficit," he said. "I am not one of those who believe that the process of cutting the deficit can be overdone."

Congressional leaders met with President George Bush yesterday to discuss budget and

deficit-reduction plans, but legislators still were hoping the administration would provide more details on where it believes spending can be reduced.

Optimistic

Greenspan said he remained optimistic that an agreement could be reached.

"We cannot take the risk of not resolving it," he said. "The degree of risk of allowing this whole process to fester is unacceptable."

Bush in recent weeks has voiced fear that the Fed would overreact to concerns about inflation, saying he saw no need for the central bank to push interest rates higher.

Growth

The Fed has been pushing up short-term interest rates by a behind-the-scenes process that siphons off available bank reserves. This tightening of the money supply drives up the cost of that money — interest rates.

But while the Fed nevertheless has continued to push up interest rates, Greenspan in his testimony played down his differences with the Bush administration, particularly on assump-

tions for future economic growth.

The Fed expects the economy, as measured by gross national product, to expand 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent in 1989. The administration, meanwhile, forecasts growth of 3.5 per cent this year and is counting on short-term interest rates to gradually decline.

The banking committee chairman, Sen. Donald Riegle, called the administration's rosy outlook "startling" and questioned whether it was realistic. But Greenspan said the Bush forecast was "reasonable" considering the administration's deficit-reduction and budget plans.

Greenspan also refused to criticise the administration's proposal to reduce the capital gains tax as a way to stimulate investment and generate more revenue.

Greenspan said that the Treasury Department's revenue projections are "credible" and that he would like to see the capital gains tax rate lowered so long as the reduction is not accompanied by tax increases elsewhere.

Bank's president wants to set up development agency

ADB keen to boost private enterprise

MANILA, Feb 22. The Asian Development Bank's plans to promote private enterprise in the region are being dogged by controversy.

The bank's strong-willed president, Masao Fujioka, wanted to set up a development agency that will support private business throughout Asia. Although the ADB currently lends some funds to private business, such an agency would help the bank mobilise additional funds, according to Asian Wall Street Journal.

Critics however, say his plan is an unsuitable project for the ADB. They fear that if such a venture is established, it would be dominated by the Japanese.

Among the critics is the US, which wants the bank to help private enterprise more but says it seeks better means of achieving this aim.

Activities

Fujioka, who also intends to upgrade the ADB's own private venture activities, wants the new venture to be like the International Finance Corporation, a World Bank affiliate that works independently and specialises in private-sector activity.

But unlike the World Bank, whose members own the IFC, the ADB plans to be a minority partner in the new Asian agency, with a 30 per cent stake. The new agency is expected to be called Asian Finance and Investment Corporation.

The biggest shareholders in

the new agency would be Japanese banks and securities firms, with a 40 per cent shareholding. The remaining 30 per cent would be allocated to other commercial institutions, including banks from Taiwan and South Korea.

Critics doubt the suitability of such a joint venture, because they say the ADB won't be in charge and, therefore, the new agency is likely to evolve into an institution little different from the numerous investment banks that already exist in Asia.

The ADB, which is owned by 47 countries, has a mission to promote Asia's economic development.

Presence

There are also fears that this joint venture, with its heavy Japanese presence, could be a vehicle to promote Japan's influence.

In the ADB itself, Japan's clout is matched by that of the US, with the two countries having an equal vote.

The US ambassador to the ADB, Victor Frank, said the bank's private-sector effort should be kept under the ADB's umbrella.

Interviewed last month, Frank said that "as we understand the proposal, the US is fairly negative on the idea" of a joint-venture Asian investment agency, partly because it "would not reflect the multinational ownership of the ADB."

Nonetheless, Fujioka's plans represent a strong response to

longstanding criticism that the ADB has done too little to help private enterprise in Asia.

Since it started operations 22 years ago, the bank has approved loans totalling \$25 billion to finance development projects in Asia.

But most of the money has gone to government-owned projects, and the bank didn't lend directly to private business until 1985. So far, only 3.5 per cent of the bank's loans has been provided directly to private business.

Details of Fujioka's new approach were provided by ADB sources familiar with the bank president's views.

Persuaded

In an interview last month, Fujioka said he would "need to refer the matter to the board of directors," but added that a joint-venture Asian Finance and Investment Corp. "could be one of many ways to promote private enterprise in Asia."

In any such joint venture, he said, Japanese financial institutions would have a big presence because "that is the reality in the world today" — the Japanese banks have the most capital available.

The question is how much in new donations the ADB can obtain for the Asian Development Fund, which is expected to run out of money within three years.

The omens aren't good. In recent years, the US has been reluctant contributor, while

Japan says it has reached its limit.

Shoji Mori, the Japanese ambassador to the ADB, said his government's contribution to the Fund's resources "already exceeds 30 per cent," and "that's a little bit too much."

Interviewed recently, Mori cited ADB study showing that Japan provided \$5.9 billion of the \$11 billion contributed by all ADB members to the fund.

The study puts the US contribution at \$1.4 billion, or 13 per cent. Japan's contribution, in percentage terms, was originally just below 40 per cent, but climbed to more than 30 per cent because of the yen's appreciation.

Persuaded

ADB executives believe Japan could be persuaded to give more if the Okita panel's suggestion of special incentives for donors were adopted.

But at Okita himself concedes, the issue is "very touchy," because it is related to fears of growing Japanese influence in the bank.

Currently, Japan and the US are the bank's two biggest shareholders, with an equal vote. Contributions to the Asian Development Fund don't qualify a donor for extra votes.

Nevertheless, Japan overshadows the US in the bank because of its prestige as the biggest aid donor, and because the bank's president, by tradition, has always been a Japanese.

National Westminster bank doubles profits

LONDON, Feb 22. (Reuters): Britain's biggest commercial bank, National Westminster, said today it doubled pre-tax profits in 1988, overcoming a huge sum set aside in 1987 against doubtful Third World debt.

Lord Boardman, chairman of National Westminster Bank PLC, said the results showed "an impressive performance in particularly challenging market conditions."

The pre-tax profit figure of £1.4 billion (\$2.45 billion) was at the top end of broker forecasts and boosted NatWest shares on

the London stock exchange.

Domestic banking continued to be the main source of earnings, chalking up £1 billion (\$1.75 billion) of pre-tax profits, a nine per cent increase over 1987.

NatWest chief executive Tom Frost said he was confident about profitability for 1989.

"The early indications... are satisfactory and the bank takes a confident view of prospects for the full year."

NatWest bounced back after reporting a disappointing £704-million (\$1.23-billion) pre-tax profit in 1987.

That year it set aside £562

million (\$984 million) to cover Third World bad or doubtful debts.

In calendar 1988, it provided only £49 million (\$86 million) for potential bad debts.

International banking was the second main profit source in 1988, providing £280 million (\$490 million) against a previous loss of £339 million (\$593 million).

Flopped

The bank suffered £56-million (\$98-million) loss in investment banking, an area in which its County NatWest offshoot is under investigation.

Britain's Department of Trade and Industry is looking into suggestions that County NatWest did not disclose fully its role in supporting a rights issue of shares by the Blue Arrow employment agency in 1987. The issue flopped in the market.

NatWest blamed the investment banking loss on what it called depressed equity and capital markets around the world.

NatWest shares edged higher after the profits were announced and by mid-afternoon were two pence (3.5 cents) up at £6.20 (\$10.85).

World Business Summary

US accepts GATT probe of retaliatory tariffs

GENEVA, Feb 22. (AP): The United States agreed yesterday to an international probe of high US tariffs on a range of Brazilian imports, imposed to punish Brazil's lack of protection for foreign pharmaceutical and chemical patents. The move came at a special one-day council meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The session was requested by Brazil, which pressed its third demand for a neutral panel of experts to investigate 100-per cent US tariffs imposed last year on imports of Brazilian drugs, paper products and consumer electronics. The panel members will be determined later. The group likely will take months to reach a ruling. Washington has failed to prove its measures conform with GATT's international trade rules, Brazilian Ambassador Rubens Ricupero told the meeting. The United States also violated a commitment by GATT's 96 members not to impose new trade restrictions during the current round of world trade talks, he said. As the last GATT council Feb 8, US envoy Michael Samuels blocked a panel, saying President George Bush's administration was still formulating its policy in the dispute. Some 50 countries backed Brazil at that meeting. On Tuesday, Samuels lifted US objections, allowing the necessary consensus for creation of a panel. But he defended the duties, saying the United States could not "abandon these vital areas of commerce to robbery," and stressed that international patent protection remains a US priority issue. Brazil's refusal to provide patent protection for pharmaceutical products and fine chemicals "permits — indeed encourages — the misappropriation of US inventions worth many millions of dollars a year," Samuels said. He said Brazil refused repeated US requests for tighter patent and copyright protection.

Trader lost \$14 million in unauthorised dealings: bank

NEW YORK, Feb 22. (AP): Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. says a vice-president in its government bond trading department lost \$14 million for the bank last year through unauthorised, secret dealings in Canadian bonds. The bank refused to identify the individual yesterday, but said the person "has been relieved of his or her duties." The bank said the loss, discovered earlier this month in a routine review, caused it to reduce its reported profit for 1988 by 1.4 per cent to \$952 million, instead of \$966 million as reported in a January news release. "The employee is not only very experienced but clever and sophisticated," said John Stefans, a bank spokesman. He said the person had been with Manufacturers Hanover about five years and in the business about 20 years. The vice-president, without authorisation, bought about \$600 million worth of Canadian federal and provincial bonds over at least a year, mainly in the final weeks of 1988, Stefans said. To conceal the transactions, the person put them in the bank's investment account instead of its trading account, Stefans said. Securities held in the investment account are carried on the books at what they cost. When the securities were moved to the trading account, where they belonged, they had to be booked at their lower market value, resulting in the \$14 million loss, Stefans said. Stefans said the bank had been in contact with the Federal Reserve and the New York State Banking Department. He said it has not yet been determined whether to lodge civil or criminal charges against the executive.

US wheat stockpile nearly at lowest level since World War II

WASHINGTON, Feb 22. (AP): The US wheat stockpile is expected to be whittled down this spring to one of the smallest inventories since the end of World War II, the Agriculture Department said yesterday. By June 1, the beginning of the 1989-90 wheat marketing year, the inventory may be about 534 million bushels (14.4 million tons), the smallest since the mid-1970s, the department's economic research service said. That would be less than half of the June 1, 1988, carryover of 1.26 billion bushels. Measured against total use, the June 1 wheat reserve of 534 million bushels would be about 21 per cent of the 2.56 billion bushels consumed domestically and exported in 1988-89, the lowest stocks-to-use ratio since the 17 per cent of 1973-74. "Prior to that, the last time the stocks-to-use ratio was below 20 per cent was at the end of World War II," the report said. The average farm price of wheat in the 1988-89 marketing year is forecast to range from 3.65 to \$3.80 per bushel, more than \$1 above last season.

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Pepsi Cola released high cone package in Jan 1989. It consists of six Pepsi cans sold for the price of five. The high cone package was displayed at stands in a number of co-ops. For this occasion, Pepsi Cola held a lottery which is part of its incentive and encouraging spirit. The winner is Sabah Al Salem Co-op. The second prize went to Al Dasmah Co-op. The marketing and sales manager of Pepsi Cola, Farouk Fannoush, states that this activity is among the many that are organised for the public and many more are to follow. Picture shows (from L to R) Farouk Fannoush, marketing and sales manager of Pepsi Cola, giving the winner, the store manager of Sabah Al Salem Co-op, a number of Pepsi packages.

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(Beta Stocks)

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ALD LYONS	476/0	LEGAL+GEN	321/0
AMSTRAD	148.0	LORHRO	340/0
ARTYLL GP	185/0	LUCAS IND	637/0
ASDA GP	146.0	MAGNET	304.0
AWA	305/0	MARX+SP	163.0
B	333.5	MAYNELL C	215.0
BAT INDS	544/0	MEPC	582/4
BARCLAYS	450/0	MIDLAND BK	463.0
BASS	964/0	NEXT	153/0
BEECHER	209/0	NTH FOODS	296/0
BEECHMAN	571.0	P & O DFD	663/0
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BICC PLC	440/0	PEARSON	698/0
BLUE ARM	91/0	PILKINGTON	236/0
BLUE CIRC	522/0	PLESSEY	259.0
BLOC GP	484.0	POLLY PEC	327/0
BODOTS CO	257/0	RACAL ELC	352.0
BPPB INDS	246/0	RACAL TEL	75.72
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BORTHWICK	477/0	477/0	HIGGS HIL	360/0	360/0	SALE TLNY	235/0	234/0
BR ARROW	118/0	118/0	HNBRO CTP	62/0	63/0	SALVESSEN	155/0	155/0
BR ASSETS	79/0	79/0	HNBRO ZOP	243/0	243/0	SAVILLE G	52/0	52/0
BR DREGDI	152/0	151/0	HNTS SPHR	170/0	170/0	SAVOY "MA	875/0	880/0
BR VITA	259/0	250/0	HOLMES PR	116/0	115/0	SCHR.GLOB	269/0	268/0
BRENT CHE	151/0	150/0	HOPENSON	153/0	153/0	SCOT HERI	185/4	184/4
BRENT WCR	347/0	348/0	HPOKINSON	99/0	98/0	SCOT I.T.	144/4	144/4
BRIDON	201/0	201/0	ITV GROUP	122/0	123/0	SCOT MET	171/0	172/0
BRITAIN SE	186/0	186/0	ICE.FZ.FD	329/0	328/0	SCOT MORT	120/4	120/4
BRITANNIC	381/0	378/0	IMRY M.DV	434/0	434/0	SCOT.MH.I	100/0	100/0
BRIXTON E	407/0	406/0	INDPNOT W	15/0	15/0	SCT NAT C	42/0	43/0
BROWN SHI	348/0	348/0	INMOO PLC	35/0	35/4	SCT NAT I	92/4	93/4
BRYANT GP	135/0	135/0	INT.BU.CH	158/0	158/0	SCT MAY W	12/0	12/0
BSC INTL	73/4	74/0	INT.CITY	80/0	80/0	SECS TST	119/0	119/0
BUSJINGS	122/0	122/0	JHNSNFTY	55/4	55/4	SELECT AS	87/0	87/0
BULLOUGH	500/0	498/0	JOS HLDGS	137/0	137/0	SKANDHTX	497/0	495/0
BULMER HP	175/0	177/0	KALAMAZOO	41/4	42/0	SHERATON S	78/0	79/0
CAIRD GRP	388/0	385/0	KALON GRP	37/0	37/0	SIRE INV	249/0	249/0
CALENDANIA	394/0	392/0	KELT ENPY	50/0	50/0	SHIMONG	342/4	344/4
CAMB ELEC	256/0	256/0	KETSON	43/0	43/0	SINGHERFR	73/0	73/0
CANFORD E	231/0	231/0	KLURT CHR	139/2	140/0	SMITH D	339/0	338/0
CANNING W	238/0	237/0	KLURT O'S	143/0	144/0	SOUND DIF	22/0	22/0
CANNON ST	294/0	293/0	KLURT SHL	171/0	172/0	SPRING RAH	206/0	205/0
CA.P.RADIO	667/0	667/0	KLWK SAVE	419/0	420/0	SPRK-SARC	225/0	224/0
CARADON	380/0	381/0	KLWK-FIT	111/4	112/0	ST.ANDREW	207/0	207/0
CARLO EN	152/0	152/0	LAING 'A'	348/0	348/0	ST.MODERN	40/0	40/0
CATTLE HD	70/0	70/0	LAING ORD	348/0	348/0	STAKIS	106/0	107/0
CAULDON	104/0	104/0	LAING PRP	500/0	500/0	STEETLEY	399/0	398/0
CENTL TV	72/0	72/0	LAIRD GRP	268/0	267/0	STREND PR	189/0	188/0
CHAM PHRR	218/0	216/0	LAURANCE W	140/0	141/0	STODDARD	58/0	57/0
CHARTERNA	23/4	23/4	LDN & MET	191/0	191/0	STORGUJAR	22/0	22/0
CHAS CHUR	109/0	108/0	LDN ATLAN	293/0	293/0	STURGE HD	259/0	260/0
CHLORIDE	59/4	61/0	LDN INTL	238/0	237/0	TELEMETRX	48/0	49/0
CHRISTIES	740/0	740/0	LDN SHOP	339/0	338/0	TEMPLE BA	247/0	247/0
CI GROUP	51/0	51/0	LDN UTD	136/0	134/0	THAMES TV	465/0	465/0
CINTRL SEC	59/4	60/0	LDNREDIN	136/0	137/0	THOMSON T	89/0	90/0
CNTRY OIL	185/0	185/0	LEP GROUP	169/0	170/0	THORNTONS	156/0	156/0
COALITE	384/0	385/0	LIX SERV	375/0	373/0	THROGHTN	449/0	450/0
COATES BR	324/0	323/0	LIFE SPEC	65/0	65/0	TI GROUP	443/0	443/0
COLLINS W	731/0	731/0	LILLY FJ	64/4	65/0	TIE RACK	97/0	97/0
COLLOROLL	883/0	885/0	LLOYD TP	209/0	208/0	TIME PROP	226/0	227/0
COLLOROLL	171/0	171/0	LLOYD FJ	541/0	537/0	TIPHOCK	503/0	502/0
COMPAS GR	335/0	337/0	LOGICA	390/0	393/0	TOBACCO	128/0	128/0
CONNELLS	263/0	265/0	LDN (HM)	282/0	283/0	TODAL	132/6	133/6
COSTAIN	335/0	334/0	LOWBONNER	263/0	263/0	TOZER KEM	111/0	111/0
COURTS FR	188/0	187/0	LOWDES	50/4				

GEN DYNACS	50/71	30/71	MISH-MCLEN	58/4	58/6	SEALED AIR	49/1	
GEN ELECT	47/10	47/11	MURPHY OIL	35/2	35/4	SEARS ROE	41/5	41/6
GEN HST	8/6	8/6	NAT INTERG	18/6	18/6	SERV CORP	17/7	17/7
GEN HOUSHR	8/5	8/5	NBT CORP	1/6	1/6	SA STM PAC	22/5	22/5
GEN INSTR	30/1	30/2	NCR CORP	59/1	59/2	SHERN BUTT	22/1	22/1
GEN MILLS	55/3	55/2	NEW ENG EL	23/7	23/7	SHRIMP TRAN	39/2	39/2
GEN MOTORS	88/6	89/0	NEW PLA RE	15/7	16/0	SHER PLOU	61/5	61/6
GEN SIGNAL	49/7	50/0	NEWELL CO	30/0	29/7	SHIRT INT	9/2	9/2
GENCORP	16/5	16/6	NEWMTOW HI	45/0	45/0	SHMITH BE	49/5	49/7
GENETECH	20/6	20/6	NEWMTN GLD	35/0	35/3	SNAP ON TC	37/3	37/3
GENUIE PA	37/1	37/1	NI MOHG-10	0	56/4	SOURCE CAP	0	37/0
GENO P47-80	0	77/2	NI MOHG-72	0	76/0	SOUTHERN	25/4	25/5
GEORGI-PA CL	40/6	40/6	NI MOHG-72	0	76/0	SPAIN FUND	11/4	11/4
GIBR FI CL	,14	,14	NICOLET IN	10/3	10/3	SPEERY	10/3	10/3
GLOBAL MAR	*15	*15	NICOR INC	32/0	31/6	SQUARE D	52/6	52/6
GOLDEN NUG	18/7	18/7	NL INOS	22/3	22/4	SQUIBB		
GOODRICH	52/2	52/3	NOBLE AFF	11/1	11/0	STONE CONT	34/2	34/2
GOODYEAR	48/7	48/7	NORD RESO	12/6	12/6	SUN CO	36/4	36/4
GRACE VR	27/5	27/6	NORTHROP	28/0	27/5	SUNOSTRAND	57/4	57/4
GRAINGER	56/4	56/1	NORTON	47/4	47/3	SUNSH MIN	3/4	3/4
GREYHOUND	30/1	30/0	NOVO IND	44/0	44/0	SUPER VAL	25/5	25/2
GRUMMAN	20/0	20/0	MUCOR CORP	49/6	49/7	SOUTHWEST	25/6	25/7
GULF RES-C	12/2	12/1	OAK INDS	1/0	1/0	SW GAS	17/7	17/7
GULF-WESTN	42/5	42/6	OCX PETRC	27/7	27/7	SW BELL	43/5	43/5
HALLIBURTN	29/2	29/2	OCEAN DRIL	17/0	17/0	TDK	0	64/5
HALLWOOD	0	16/0	OCDEV CORP	28/6	28/6	TECO EMERG	22/5	22/6
HANNA MIN	23/7	23/7	OH ED CO	20/6	20/6	TEKTRONIX	22/0	22/0
HARRIS CP	28/4	28/6	ORIO MATT	21/2	21/2	TELETYPE	349/6	349/7
HARTHARP	26/2	26/2	OLIN CORP	49/7	50/0	TELEPHONIC	24/2	24/2
HEINZ NJ	47/7	47/6	ONICARE	8/0	8/1	TELEX CORP	0	49/0
HEL CURTIS	46/2	46/3	ORION PICT	14/7	14/7	TERADYNE	13/1	13/1
HELM-PAYNE	22/4	22/4	PAINE WEB	19/0	18/7	TESORO PET	12/4	12/4
HERCULES	48/7	49/0	PAN AM	3/7	3/7	TEX AMER O	0	10/7
HENK-PACK	58/6	59/0	PANHANDLE	23/5	23/7	TEX GAS TR	52/3	52/2
HEMCEL CP	34/5	34/5	PARKER DRI	5/2	5/2	TEXACO	50/2	50/2
HILLBERND	24/2	27/3	PARKER MAN	29/1	29/1	TEXAS IND	32/1	32/5
HILLENBERG	55/3	55/3	PATCO PET	4/6	4/5	TEXAS INST	42/4	42/4
HILTN HTLS	51/5	51/5	PEULMAN CO	0	0	TEXTRON	27/7	26/0
HITACHI	128/2	122/1	PC IND08-96	0	89/4	THOMP MED	0	22/3
HIXTACE MIN	14/0	13/7	PEGASUS	11/7	11/7	TIDEMATER	0	87/7
HNDY-HARMN	19/6	19/6	PENN CENTR	24/1	24/3	TIME INCOR	107/7	107/7
HOLIDAY C	27/2	27/4	PERMUTAL	114/0	118/2	TIMKEN	36/2	36/2
HOME DEPOT	33/0	34/0	PENNZOIL	81/4	81/6	TIMPCORP	32/4	32/4
HOMEFIED CP	32/7	32/0	PEOPLES EN	20/3	20/2	TISCO	3/6	3/7
HONDA MOTR	0	154/4	PEPSICO	40/6	41/0	TOYS R US	38/7	39/1
HONEYWELL	66/1	66/5	PFIZER	56/2	56/2	TRANSCOR	34/1	34/1
HOUGHTON NI	49/5	49/2	PHILPS DOD	57/1	56/4	TRANSCO EX	5/7	5/7
HOUSTON IN	28/2	28/3	PHILIP MOR	109/7	109/6	TRAVELLERS	38/1	38/0
HUGHES SUP	18/5	18/3	PHILIPS PE	21/7	21/5	TRINITY IN	35/5	35/6
HUMANA INC	26/1	26/1	PINNACLE W	15/4	15/5	TU CORP	28/1	28/2
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	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,302.14	- 24.29	2,325.18	2,296.96
TRANS	1,066.14	- 16.01	1,081.82	1,065.65
UTILS	184.57	- 0.94	185.63	184.39
STOCKS	876.75	- 10.01	886.13	875.78
NYSE COMP	164.41	- 1.65		
S-P COMPOSITE	292.62	- 3.36		
NYSE INDS	199.21	- 2.08		
AMEX INDEX	323.42	- 1.44		
NASD COMP	403.25	- 3.13		
NASD BANKING	458.94	- 3.66		
NASD FIN'L	481.18	- 1.78		
NASD INDS	398.62	- 3.55		
S-P 100 INDEX	278.48	- 3.18		

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME			AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME		
POTEL PMR	19 3/4	- 1/8	D W G CORP	7 5/8	- 1/4
FPL GROUP	30 1/4	- 1/8	TEXAS AIR	13 5/8	- 3/8
NAVISTAR	6 1/4	UNCH	ECHO BAY	15 1/4	+ 1/8
CHAMP SPK	21	- 1 1/4	AMDAHL CP	19 3/8	- 1/8
PHILLIPS P	21 7/8	+ 1/4	MICHAELS	5	- 1/4
EXXON	44 3/8	- 1/8	GULF CAN R	11 3/4	- 1/8
UNION CARB	30 3/4	- 1 1/8	ENSR CORP	7 5/8	- 3/8
BURLINGTON	47 7/8	- 5/8	FUR VAULT	2 1/2	+ 1/8
ATT	30 5/8	- 5/8	ENERGY SVC	1 1/2	UNCH
KNIGHT RID	46 3/4	- 1 1/4	FIRST AUS	8 11/16	UNCH
NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE		
GROM GRP	12 1/4	+ 3/4	GTL CORP D	3 7/8	+ 3/8
WINCHELLS	2 1/8	+ 1/8	HOLLY CP	38 1/4	+ 3
UNIT CORP	2 1/4	+ 1/8	ANGLO ENER	2 1/8	+ 1/8
FISHBACH C	17 1/4	- 3	AMERICAN	4 3/4	- 1
JAMESWAY	10 1/8	- 5/8	UN PAC SCR	11 1/4	- 1
NYSE VOLUME	62,021,400		AMEX VOLUME	5,294,119	
STOCKS UP	217		STOCKS UP	105	
STOCKS DOWN	919		STOCKS DOWN	259	
21-FEB NASDAQ VOLUME	115,233,900				
STOCKS UP	966	DOWN 1131			

Wall Street Market Report

NEW YORK, Feb. 22, (Reuters): Wall Street stocks showed steep losses over a broad range, sinking more after an early fall on news of a bigger than expected US consumer price rise. Sell programmes hit the market and bonds sank after Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan said the inflation data was disturbing.

The Dow was off 25 at 2301 and fell to 2296. "They don't like Greenspan's comments. That started the whole ball rolling," said one trader, who added futures-related selling hit stocks.

	INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1673.7	1696.0	1696.9	1455.3	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1169.3	1169.3	1171.2	1008.8	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1068.07	1068.07	1069.39	926.59	926.59
FT GOV SEC	88.78	88.78	89.04	87.03	87.03
FT GOLD NW	158.7	158.7	157.2	161.9	161.9
FT MINES F	674.51	674.51	670.37	565.31	565.31
FT OIL	1916.4	1916.4	1923.6	1725.4	1725.4
FT MLD OLR	145.51	146.40	146.49	139.21	139.21
FT MLD STC	123.24	123.07	122.29	115.30	115.30
FT MLD LOG	130.16	130.72	130.46	123.40	123.40

U.K. SHARES FALL SHARPLY AS WALL STREET DROPS

LONDON, FEB 22, REUTER - SHARES QUICKLY FELL TO NEW LOWS ONE DAY IN AFTERNOON BUSINESS REFLECTING A 30 POINT DOWN JONES FALL ON WALL STREET AFTER A HIGHER THAN EXPECTED RISE IN THE U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX IN JANUARY, DEALERS SAID.

SPECULATION THAT THE RECENT SHARP FALL IN STERLING COULD MEAN THE NEXT MOVE IN U.K. INTEREST RATES IS UPWARDS DEDASHADOWED SENTIMENT IN THE MORNING. MUCH OF THE JANUARY RALIE WAS ON TALK THAT U.K. RATES HAD PEAKED FOR THE TIME BEING. Y. 1559 GNT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS DOWN 23.8 POINTS TO 2,037.2, HAVING BEEN AT 2,050 JUST AFTER WALL STREET OPENED.

TODAY'S REMARKS BY FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD CHAIRMAN ALAN GREENSPAN THAT THE JANUARY U.S. INFLATION DATA WERE DISTURBING INTENSIFIED THE SELL OFF ON WALL STREET, ALTHOUGH THE NEW YORK MARKET LATER SHOWED SIGNS OF STABILISING ABOVE THE DAY'S LOWS.

DEALERS SAID GREENSPAN'S COMMENTS YESTERDAY THAT THE FED IS INCLINED TOWARDS RESTRAINT IN ITS MONETARY POLICY, ALONG WITH MARKET TALK OF HIGHER U.S. AND GERMAN INTEREST RATES, HAD HELPED TO BUELL SPECULATION NEXT MONTH'S U.K. BUDGET COULD BRING LOWER ENGLISH INTEREST RATES. U.K. BASE RATES ARE CURRENTLY AT 15 PC.

THE POUND HAD FALLEN AROUND FOUR PFENNIGS TO BELOW 3.21 MARKS. BETWEEN TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND THIS AFTERNOON.

London Gold

LONDON, FEB 22, REUTER - GOLD HELD AROUND SESSION HIGHS IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON AFTER AN OPENING RALLY IN NEW YORK AND A SLIGHT DOLLAR RETREAT AND WAS FIXED AT 386.75 DLRS AN OUNCE, 10.75 DLR UP FROM ITS MORNING SETTING.

THIS COMPARED WITH OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSING LEVELS OF 385.50/386.30 AND 383.50/384.00 DLRS RESPECTIVELY.

DEALERS SAID THE LONDON MARKET LACKED SIGNIFICANT PHYSICAL OFFTAKE TO MOVE MUCH HIGHER THAN CURRENT LEVELS. MOST OF THE BOUNCE BACK FROM HEAVY LOSSES LAST WEEK WAS ATTRIBUTED TO SPECULATIVE SHORTCOVERING WHICH HAD FADED SOMEWHAT, THEY SAID.

LONDON, FEB 22, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES ENDED THE DAY WITH GAINS OF AS MUCH AS 3/16 POINT AT THE LONGER END. THE MARKET AS STERLING REMAINED WEAK AGAINST THE MARK AND THE OUTLOOK FOR INTERNATIONAL INTEREST RATES LOOKED GLOOMY.

THE POUND CLOSED 0.4 LOWER IN TRADE WEIGHTED TERMS AT 96.5 AND WAS QUOTED AT JUST ABOVE 3.21 MARKS IN LATE TRADING AFTER SETTLING AT 3.2250 YESTERDAY.

THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE STOOD 1/16 POINT FIRMER AT 13-32 1/8, WHILE ONE YEAR GAINED 3/16 POINT TO BE QUOTED AT 13-12 7/8 PCT -- ITS HIGHEST CLOSING LEVEL SINCE EARLY 1982.

Foreign Exchange				
DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	
1.7450/60	1.7470/80	1.8350/60	6.2600/30	
DKK 1.8366/8446	3.204/218	3.2090/2125	10.9415/9530	NOG
HK\$ 2.70/282	10.947/965	340.67/41.31	29.245/405	FTX
SFR 1.5695/5705	2.7388/7421	85.28/38	25.01/04	FIX
NEL 2.07/75	3.6240	112.88/35	33.105	130
YEN 1.12996	0.6472/29	2.07946	7.09103	CLS
1.15677	0.750296	2.44182	8.31409	CLS
YEN 126.65/75	221.00/31	-----	-----	NOG
USD RATE	22.02/1989	OTHERS	22/02/1989	

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	287.6	285.9	279.6	259.3
AUSTRIA	250.1	249.2	226.7	215.4
BELGIUM	449.0	441.2	451.2	412.8
CANADA	398.8	390.3	391.8	356.1
DENMARK	600.5	600.7	598.5	464.5
FRANCE	464.0	460.7	455.7	396.1
GERMANY	206.4	208.3	207.6	195.6
HONG KONG	2367.2	2379.3	2330.5	1812.7
FINLAND	126.0	126.1	125.8	112.1
ITALY	460.9	461.4	456.4	439.5
JAPAN	1475.1	1486.6	1488.2	1289.0
NETHERLANDS	284.9	285.8	282.7	260.1
NEW ZEAL	93.3	95.7	96.4	93.9
NORWAY	712.9	706.3	698.5	483.0
SPORE	667.9	666.1	663.8	587.0
SPAIN	236.4	237.2	237.4	250.5
SWEDEN	1185.7	1174.5	1171.6	960.4
SWITZ	182.1	182.2	181.4	163.6
U.K.	627.9	629.0	622.7	551.2
U.S.A.	272.4	273.0	273.0	250.6
WORLD	514.0	518.3	519.0	446.2
E.A.F.E.	986.8	998.1	999.8	832.0

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ARAB ALUMINUM IND.					
ARAB BANK					
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.33	4.35			
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44	2.41			
ARAB INSURANCE	1.11	1.11			
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.57	0.57			
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.25	1.23			
ARAB INTER. HOTELS					
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.35	2.35			
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.46	0.45			
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.					
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75			
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---			
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65			
BANK OF JORDAN					
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95			
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	31.00	31.00			
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25			
DAR AL SHAHR PRESS					
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	2.35	2.35			
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.					
FINANCE/CREDIT/CCR	0.75	0.71			
GARAGE OWNERS OF	4.55	4.55			
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63			
GENERAL INVESTMENT					
GENERAL WINNING.					
HIMWY METALS	0.75	0.75			
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44			
IND./MATCH JEMCO					
INDSTL DEVLPT BHK	1.68	1.70			
INDSTRL/COMM/AGR.					
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75			
INTERN. CON/INV	0.13	0.13			
IRBID ELECTRICITY					
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64			
ITERMED/PETRI/CH					
J. JOUR-SF COMPLEX	0.79	0.80			
J. TORACO/CI/GARET	1.26	1.29			
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	20.00	19.50			
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05			
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.70	1.70			
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22			
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.10	1.10			
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.30			
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.					
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20			
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.82			
JOR LIN BRICK					
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50			
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.71	2.71			
JOR PAPER CARDBRGG	3.90	3.95			
JOR PHOSPHATE NINS					
JOR PIPES MANUFACT					
JOR PRESS/PUBLIS.	1.73	1.75			
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.40			
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.					
JOR SECURIT CORP.	1.12	1.11			
JOR SELPHO CHEM.					
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY					
JOR WORSTED MLL	5.60	5.60			
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	0.97			
JOR. PETROLEUM REF					
JOR.FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45			
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.79	2.70			
JORDANIAN GULF REAL					
JORDAN DAIRY					
JORDANIAN GULF BANK					
JORDANIAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95			
JORDAN LAMIN. BHK	2.12	2.01			
JORDANIAN KUWAIT BHK	1.49	1.48			
JORDAN TANNING	2.05	2.05			
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.77	0.75			
MACH/EGU/RENT/MAIN					
MAH INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73			
MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11			
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.80	0.80			
MIDDEL EAST INS					
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.74	0.75			
MIRAL INVEST CO	2.10	2.11			
NAT/CABLE/HVIE/MF					
NATIONAL AHRIA INS	1.50	1.57			
NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL	0.46	0.45			
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO					
NATIONAL STEEL					
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28			
PETRA BANK					
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35			
PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.16	1.16			
RAFTA INDUSTRIAL	1.45	1.52			
REAL ESTATE INV.					
SHIPPING LINES					
SINCE				</	

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BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-NATIONAL BANK	0.080	0.910	0.930	0.910	220000	60
-GULF BANK	0.360	---	---	---	---	---
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.265	0.265	0.265	0.265	10000	1
-ARL BANK	0.275	0.270	0.270	0.270	20000	---
-B.K.M.E.	0.360	---	---	---	---	---
-K.R.E.B.	0.370	---	---	---	---	---
-BURGAN BANK	0.260	0.255	0.255	0.255	10000	1
-K.F.HOUSE	0.435	0.435	0.435	0.435	130000	5
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KMT INV. CO.	0.140	---	---	---	---	---
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
-K.I.I.C.	0.104	---	---	---	---	---
-COM.FACILITIES	0.480	---	---	---	---	---
-ARLH INV.	0.059	0.058	0.059	0.058	160000	2
-I.F.A.	0.059	---	---	---	---	---
-INV. PEARL KMT	0.082	0.081	0.081	0.081	160000	2
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KMT INSURANCE	0.700	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF INSURANCE	0.360	---	---	---	---	---
-ARLIA INS. CO.	0.560	---	---	---	---	---
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.365	---	---	---	---	---
REAL ESTATE SECTOR						
-KMT R.E.ST. CO.	0.138	0.138	0.138	0.138	20000	1
-UNI R.E.ST. CO.	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	80000	1
-NAT R.E.ST. CO.	0.192	---	---	---	---	---
-SALHJAH R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
-KMT R.E.I.COM	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-NAT IND. CO.	0.540	---	---	---	---	---
-KMT N.P. IND.	0.280	---	---	---	---	---
-KMT CEMENT CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
-REF. IND. CO.	0.355	---	---	---	---	---
-N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF CABLE	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	202500	2
-K.PH. IND. CO.	0.140	---	---	---	---	---
-CONT. MARINE	0.280	---	---	---	---	---
-K.SH.REP.CO	0.045	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
-K.W.C. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
-KMT HOTELS CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.110	---	---	---	---	---
-COM.MKT.CMPX.	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016	80000	1
-MOBILE TELE.	0.280	---	---	---	---	---
-KMT COMPUTER	0.154	---	---	---	---	---
FOOD SECTOR						
-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.238	---	---	---	---	---

Currency rates

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.25695	0.28849
Sterling	0.50068	0.50427
Drn.	0.15601	0.15710
S. fr.	0.18324	0.18457
F. fr.	0.04577	0.04616
Li. lira	0.0002128	0.0002146
Jap yen	0.0022648	0.0022833
Bh. dinar	0.76105	0.76552
UAE Dh.	0.07811	0.07856
S. riyal	0.07647	0.07694
Qat. riyal	0.07880	0.07929
O. riyal	0.74504	0.75029

Kuwait dinar deposits steady in moderate trade

KUWAIT. Feb. 22. (Reuters) Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposits were generally steady in moderate trade today, with the Central Bank intervening to prop up rates at the short end of the market.

Dealers said day-to-day funds were still well-offered due to an influx of government salary payments earlier this month.

The Central Bank borrowed two- and three-week deposits at 6-1/2 and seven per cent respectively in a move which dealers said was aimed at boosting rates. Overnight funds were offered at 1/2 per cent, down from one per cent yesterday.

Offers
Tomorrow-next jumped to five, four per cent from offers of one but this mainly reflected technical factors ahead of the Gulf Friday weekend.

One- two- three-month funds were little changed, with the one-month put at 8-1/8, 7-7/8 per cent. Two and three-months were both indicated at around 8-1/4, eight per cent and six-months to one-year at 8-1/2, eight per cent.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar exchange rate firmer to 0.28787/97 to the dollar from the rates of 0.28800/10 yesterday. Commercial banks quoted rates of 0.28810/20.

Saudi riyal deposits display softer tone

NICOSIA, Feb. 27, (Reuters): Saudi royal interbank deposits displayed a softer tone in quiet trade which focussed on the short end of the market today as banks covered day-to-day positions.

Fixed period rates remained steady but dealers said a wider long-run in business showed signs of cooling as operators began to borrow six-month and one-year deposits. The move was taken amid speculation of a possible rise in US interest rates, often closely tracked by rial deposits.

High liquidity helped exert downward pressure but overall the market still lacked direction, the dealers added.

Spot-nex dropped to 7-3/4, 1/2 percent from levels of 9-3/4, 3/8 on Tuesday but this reflected in part technical factors ahead of the Gulf Friday weekend. One-week was indicated little changed at 9-1/4, nine.

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Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO MAIN SHARE INDEX RISES TO RECORD CLOSE

TOKYO, FEB 22, REUTER - THE NIKKEI SHARE INDEX ROSE THURSDAY TO END NEAR THE DAY'S HIGH AND AT A NEW RECORD CLOSE. SHAREHOLDERS SHARP ENOUGH AND A HIGHER YEN AGAINST THE DOLLAR ENCOURAGED ALREADY BULLISH INVESTORS. INSTITUTIONS JOINED IN TO RISE IN BIG NUMBERS AS WELL, BROKERS SAID.

THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 331.85 POINTS, OR 1.04 PCT, TO A RECORD CLOSE 32,311.93.

BUT GAINS IN THE NIKKEI WERE BIGGER THAN IN THE OVERALL MARKET, PARTLY DUE TO INDEX FUTURES-RELATED BUYING AND NEW INDEX FUND BUYING BY INVESTMENT TRUSTS, BROKERS SAID. IN THE BROADER MARKET, RISES LED FALLS BY 488 TO 437.

THE PREVIOUS RECORD CLOSE, 32,177.08, WAS SET ON MONDAY. THE NIKKEI FELL 197.00 POINTS ON TUESDAY.

THE NIKKEI ENDED NEAR THE DAY'S TRADED HIGH OF 32,312.62 REACHED JUST BEFORE THE CLOSE, AND NEAR THE ALL-TIME TRADED HIGH OF 32,354.75 REACHED ON FEBRUARY 16.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE NIKKEI ROSE BY THIS MANY POINTS IN ONE DAY SINCE THE 468.85-POINT GAIN ON JANUARY 9.

THE BROADER FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, ROSE 19.13 POINTS TO 2,472.04 AFTER A 17.46-POINT LOSS ON TUESDAY.

TURNOVER WAS A BRISK 1.4 BILLION SHARES AGAINST 1.2 BILLION ON TUESDAY.

THE BIGGEST WINNERS WERE NON-LIFE INSURANCE, BANK, ROLLING STOCK, RAILWAY/BUS, CONSTRUCTION, COMMUNICATIONS, RETAIL, OIL, PRECISION INSTRUMENT AND AIRLINE SHARES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, PHARMACEUTICAL, WAREHOUSE, MINING, REAL ESTATE, ELECTRIC POWER, CREDIT/LEASE, FISHERY, TEXTILE AND SOME MANUFACTURING ISSUES LED THE LOSERS.

"THE EXTERNAL FACTORS OVERNIGHT WERE GOOD--NEW YORK WAS SLIGHTLY HIGHER AND CURRENCY WAS LITTLE CHANGED," SAID. TOSHITSUYUKI NISHIGUCHI, HEAD OF THE STOCK DIVISION AT DATWA SECURITIES CO LTD. "THE MARKET RESTED YESTERDAY, AND TOMORROW IS THE START OF TRADE FOR A NEW MONTH."

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, FEB 22, REUTER - HONG KONG STOCKS ENDED HIGHER AFTER A VOLATILE DAY -

DEALERS SAID A RECORD CLOSE IN TOKYO HAD A FOLLOW-THROUGH EFFECT IN HONG KONG, ALLOWING INVESTORS TO SHAKE OFF WORRIES ABOUT INTEREST RATES AND THE U.S. DOLLAR.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ROSE 10.92 POINTS TO 3,161.56. THE INDEX HAD DROPPED 19 POINTS AT THE OPENING. "THE MARKET TESTED ITS TECHNICAL SUPPORT LEVELS AND WHEN THERE WAS BUYING INTEREST IT TOOK ADVANTAGE OF AN ANALYST'S SALES," SAID ONE DEALER.

PROPERTY COUNTERS ROSE SHARPLY AFTER INVESTORS DISCOUNTED FEARS OF HIGHER INTEREST RATES, DEALERS SAID.

PHILIPPINES MAKATT

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				LC-A	66.00	66.50	67.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.32	.31	.31
AC-A	13.25	13.50	13.25	LC-B	.31	.32	.31
ANS	2.65	2.70	2.65	PX-A	.28	.29	.28
PLO	31.50	32.00	31.50	PX-B	.29	.30	.28
GIDT	249.00	252.50	250.00	OIL SECTOR			
KPSI-A	2.95	3.00	3.00	BP-A	.017	.018	.017
KPSI-B	3.40			BP-B	.017	.018	.018
SMC-A	150.00	151.00	149.00	LRC-A	.0034	.0038	.0034
SHC-B	241.00	242.00	242.00	LRC-B	.0034	.0038	
MINING SECTOR				OPM-A	.044	.045	.045
APX-A	.019	.02	.02	OPM-B	.045	.046	.043
APX-B	.02	.021	.02	OV-A	.03	.031	.03
AT-A	37.50	38.00	36.00	OV-B	.03	.031	.03

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM-IND.	585,245	10,165,525	949.15	1.85 DN
MINTING	31,138,200	46,629,675	4,605.31	-67.80 UP
QIAN JIASHI	680,350,000	13,770,740	6.085	0.222 UP
	1,000,000	20,500,000	834.36	12.04 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR							
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	66.50	67.00	67.00
SNC-A	151	152.00	149.00	BC-B	76.00	91.00	
SNC-B	240.00		242.00	LC-A	.31	.32	.31
SD-TIRE	36.00	37.00		LC-B	.31	.32	.31
PLDT	250.00	252.50	250.00	ZIP	.0075	.0085	
ANSCOR-A	2.70	2.75	2.65	OIL SECTOR			
AC-A	13.25	13.50	13.50	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
GLO	31.50	32.00		BP-A	.017	.018	.017
FER-A	2.24	2.30	2.22	BP-B	.018	.019	.018
FER-B	2.42	2.44	2.38	LRC-A	.0036	.0038	.0034
MINING SECTOR				LRC-B	.0036	.0038	
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPH-A	.045	.046	.043
APX-A	.019	.02	.02	OPH-B	.045	.046	.044
APX-B	.02	.021	.02	OV-A	.03	.031	.03
AT-A	37.50	38.00	37.00	OV-B	.03	.031	.031
AT-B	38.00	38.50	38.00	TA	.021	.022	.021

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION		VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	SHARES			
C/I	456,210	8,346,060	952.56	UP 6.89
MINING	145,747,600	130,085,575	4,342.01	UP 111.95
OILS	727,600,000	17,321,860	6.450	UP 0.197
TOTAL	873,803,810	155,753,495	839.06	UP 16.33

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST PR	CL	G KENT	6	KIAN JOO	16
ADEF A			G LUMBER	103	10	72
ADEF B			G TOWN		11	282
AIJINOTO			G U HLGDS	----	10	23
AMANO	106	20	GANDA HDG	33	32	159
AMAL	27.5	10	GEN CORP	65	64	16
AMAL PROP		2	GENTING	535	53	80
AMCOL	138	13	GOLD COOH	191	18	76
BERJAYA	119	11	GSJ	145	14	8
BOASTED	151	14	GUJINNESS	352	35	236
CARLSBERG		55	GULA	----	28	38
COPI		32	H L IND.	209	21	79
CEREBOIS	615	61	HARIMAU	112	10	426
CHEN IND	302	30	HAW PAR	340	33	600
CK TANG	396	37	HEKZA	68.5	67	3
COLD STOR	370	36	HUME IND	171	16	6
CS HLGDS	47.5	4	INNOVEST	95	9	10
DKH		46	INSAS	42.5	4	18
DUTS BHD	137	13	INT WOOD	----	7	95
DUTA CON	----	2	INTRACO	269	26	144
DUTCHBARY		42	J ENGRG	296	28	7
ELEC MAGN	174	17	JC ENT	102	10	21
ESSO ORD	356	35	JC-NPH	111	11	755
FAY YAN S.		2	JOHAN HDG	43.5	4	----
F B U		2	K G HLGDS	110	10	82
F B SHIP	257	24	K KELLAS	82	22	SHIP
F&N ORD	750	74	KAMUNTING	86	85	141
FEB CABLE	----	6	KE SANG	----	11	128
FED FLOOR		45	KE SENG	175	17	55
FIMA BHD		28	KEPPEL	352	34	1370
FUNITEC		65	KG FLOOR	300	28	356
					28	356

Singapore Stock Market Report

SINGAPORE STOCK MARKET CLOSERS HIGHER
SINGAPORE, FEB 22, REUTER - THE STOCK MARKET CLOSED HIGHER AS REMOVED BUYING INTEREST AND SHORT-COVERING BROUGHT WIDESPREAD GAINS IN A DAY OF ACTIVE TRADING, DEALERS SAID. THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX ROSE 7.22 POINTS TO 1,136.75. ADVANCES OUTPACED DECLINES 181 TO 20 WITH SEVERAL STOCKS POSTING DOUBLE-DIGIT GAINS. TURNOVER INCREASED TO 56.3 MLN SHARES FROM TUESDAY'S 45.6 MLN. BROKERS SAID PRICES ROSE STEADILY FROM THE OUTSET WITH GOOD INTEREST SHOWN FOR SELECTED PLANTATION, SHIPYARD, RETAILERS AND BANKING STOCKS ON EXPECTATIONS OF STRONG 1988 EARNINGS.

ZÜRICH

STOCK		LAST	PR-CLSE	OE BUEK I	1230	1200
BAER HDS	11200	2140		OE BUEK N	384	380
BALOISE PS	2290	1300		OE BUEH P	360	360
BBC I A	3035	3030		ROCHE BABY	14275	14325
BK LEU I	3050	3050		ROCHE I	37000	39000
BK LEU N	2520	2540		RUECKER I	9850	9850
BK LEU PS	420	423		RUECKER M	7370	7350
CFV	0	1150		RUEY C P	1675	1680
C18 GEIG I	3165	3155		RY TR BK	920	910
C18 GEIG N	2740	2665		S BNKSL I	3125	3125
C18 GEIG P	2505	2510		S BNKSL M	630	630
CKV	0	1300		S BNKSL P	116.00	115.00
CRED SUJ I	2735	2735		S BNKVN I	324	331
CRED SUJ N	531	531		S BNKVN M	291.00	293.00
EG LAUFEN	0	1725		S BNKVN P	287	291
ELEKTROMAT	2930	2965		SANZOZ I	10300	10150
ENS CHEN I	4580	4550		SANZOZ N	8995	9000
GLOBUS I	6600	6700		SANZOZ PS	1845	1845
GLOBUS N	0	6800		SULZER N	5825	5775
GLOBUS PS	1075	1070		SULZER PS	470	460
JACOBS S I	7275	7150		SVB	1735	1735
JACOBS S M	1390	1370		SWISSAIR	1080	1060
JACOBS S P	635	630		SWISSAIR N	955	960
JELM I	2475	2475		W THUR I	4165	4200
JELM PS	355	365		W THUR N	3410	3380
LANDIS N	1350	1340		W THUR PS	705	707
LANDIS PS	121.00	120.00		ZURICH I	4395	4400
MERCK I	798	795		ZURICH M	3615	3600
				ZURICH PS	1855	1830

GCC countries expecting economic growth in '89

ABU DHABI, Feb 22, (OPECNA): Domestic demand will continue to grow in the six member states of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) during 1989, according to an official report.

The report said the year 1988 was marked by several positive developments, including the end of the Gulf war, a new OPEC accord fixing production at 18.50 million BPD for the first half of 1989, strong economic growth in the industrialised countries which had generated higher demand for oil and an apparently stable US dollar.

Gulf countries.

The report noted that the non-oil sectors of the economy had continued to move ahead over the same period with domestic demand picking up momentum especially in the fourth quarter.

Indicators showed noticeable improvement in commerce and retail sales activities, higher commercial bank profits, gradual recovery in the construction and housing sector and an upturn in real estate prices.

Another significant indicator of the improvement in domestic economic activities lay in the generally higher prices of stocks

Boost

These developments, together with the recently announced 1989 Saudi budget and the slightly expansionary budgets approved by Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain and Qatar gave a boost to the overall level of optimism in the region, it said.

"The 22 per cent drop in oil prices last year, from an average of \$17.50 a barrel for Arabian Light in 1987 to an average of around \$13.70 a barrel in 1988, has had a telling impact on the region's external sectors and overall economic growth conditions.

"The contribution of the oil sector to the GDP of Gulf countries is still quite sizeable, ranging from 20 per cent in Bahrain, to 28 per cent in Saudi Arabia and more than 35 per cent in other

The report expected nominal GDP growth rates to be generally higher in 1988 than in 1987, owing mainly to the decline in oil revenues which the continuing surge in non-oil sectors failed to fully make up for.

The report pointed out that inflation in various Gulf countries had remained subdued last year. However, the momentum of domestic activities was associated with a slight increase in local inflation rates.

It said the contribution of higher import prices to inflation last year was also subdued, as Gulf currencies and the U.S. dollar, to which they were pegged, maintained their value against the currencies of Western Europe and Japan, the region's major trading partners.

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR	CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.20	15.20
CEUNG K	10.60	10.50
CHINA GAS	19.20	19.30
CHINA L-P	14.70	14.70
CHINA MOTR	27.50	27.20
COSMO PROP	3.87	3.80
COSMOPROP	3.87	3.73
CR EAST C	1.04	.99
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H C DEVELOP	9.50	9.43
H S INDEX	161.56	150.64
HANG LUNG	6.50	6.43
HANG SENG	33.00	33.00
HAN PAR BR	11.60	11.60
HK ELEC CO	7.70	7.70
HK KOOLCON	10.90	10.60
HK LAND CO	11.50	11.20
HK SHAN BK	7.40	7.43
HK SHAN HT	6.30	6.33
HK TELE CO	5.50	5.60
HUTCH WHAM	11.20	11.20
HYD E PAC	11.60	11.60
JARDINE M	19.70	19.30
KOOLCON H	9.35	9.25
NEW WORLD	15.20	15.00
REALTY Y CON	1.59	1.60
PREMIUM DEV	7.70	7.70
S H K CO	3.70	3.05
S H K PROP	15.00	15.20
SINCE DARBY	5.05	2.92
STAVILLE HFG	3.47	3.47
SWIRE PAC	21.90	21.80
T V B CO	1.38	1.37
TATI CHEUNG	5.00	5.00
UNION BANK	1.82	1.81
UNION RARD	0	7.25
WMOCK MARK	0	1.15
WMOCK INTL	5.15	5.05

GCC banks achieve better profits

Kuwait economy regains stability: Al Khorafi

IN his introduction to the National Bank of Kuwait annual report, bank Chairman Mohammad Abdul Mohsen Al Khorafi said that the agreement to end the war between Iraq and Iran has initiated great hopes to overcome the main obstacles preventing political stability and economic growth in the Gulf region. He described the ceasefire between the two countries as the biggest event of 1988.

Management
Al Khorafi went on to announce that 1988 also saw the end of the adverse effects of the Manakb crisis, thanks to wise economic management, which by using balanced financial and flexible monetary policies, has restored confidence in the Kuwaiti national economy. He said that the past year also witnessed the implementation of the biggest part of the difficult loans settlement scheme, according to statistics released by the Central Bank.

Al Khorafi attributed NBK's success during 1988 to the effective-

ness of its management, its good and wise use of technology and its rich knowledge and expertise in the local markets. He said that NBK has reaffirmed its position as the biggest bank in Kuwait and one of the main leading Arab banks at present and in the future. Al Khorafi went on to say that NBK employs over 35 per cent of all Kuwaitis in the banking sector.

The NBK report said that last year saw the Kuwaiti economy regaining stability after five years of recession. Analysing the local trends of the Kuwaiti economy during 1988, the report stressed that the national economy had harvested the results of the wise and constant policies adopted by the government.

Phenomenon
It said that what confirms this fact is that the non-oil sector, which started recovering two years ago, not only continued its positive performance but strengthened this trend which partially resulted from the big growth in the oil sector during 1987.



Abdul Mohsen Al Khorafi

The report added that during the year 1987, the gross national product (GNP) grew by 13 per cent from the previous year to reach KD5,444 million. The oil sector contributed only KD2,232 million while the non-oil sector contributed KD3,212 million, or 59 per cent, thus sur-

passing that of the oil sector. This phenomenon had never happened before except in 1986.

The report attributed the improvement in national revenues to the increase in oil prices and subsequently the increase in oil revenues, which went up by 34 per cent during the 87/88 fiscal year. The report added that the continuation of the government's rationalisation policy helped reduce the actual budget deficit.

The report described the government's ability to contain or "freeze" public expenditures irrespective of the external developments, particularly oil revenues, as the government's leading achievement in its monetary policy.

Activities
The report said that the use of public debt instruments strengthened the Central Bank's ability to employ monetary policy means to achieve its goals, and praised the issue of such bonds.

It welcomed the ceasefire decision arrived at between Iraq

and Iran and said it will have a positive effect on the various economic sectors in the country, including banks.

Analysing the economic activities of the region, the report stressed that oil revenues still form the main driving force for the GCC states' economic development while the oil sector still provides between 80-90 per cent of their revenues, the report said that the GCC countries have been trying hard to reduce dependence on oil as the main and perhaps the only source of income. It specified that the main difficulty facing oil exporting countries was surplus production. The report added that some of the Gulf states have started using public borrowing as means to cover the budget deficit, although most GCC states still depend upon their reserves. Finally, the report concluded that GCC commercial banks achieved better profits during 1988 because of the improvement in the economic environment.

Joint insurance plan to cut costs of GCC airlines

LONDON, Feb 22, (KUNA): A new common insurance coverage negotiated between the national carriers of Gulf Cooperation Council countries and London insurers would substantially cut insurance costs of the GCC airlines, Kuwait Airways Chairman and Managing Director, Ahmed Al Mishari said here today.

Al Mishari added that the first stage of the joint insurance plan will be a three-month transitional period to take effect April 1.

The KAC chief executive stated that his visit to London is intended to complete details of the insurance coverage for Kuwait Airways, Saudia and Gulf Air with London insurance firms, Lloyds in particular.

Insurance
Mishari said that London insurance brokers had agreed to supply the three airlines with a common insurance plan after taking into account the close cooperation among them in various commercial enterprises.

The airline executive indicated that this common insurance is in line with GCC policies of establishing closer ties in all fields, and would enhance the airlines' bargaining positions in international insurance markets.

Mishari explained that while the combined insurance premiums of the three carriers had exceeded \$55 million in 1986, the joint insurance project would give the airlines more leeway in acquiring insurance plans.

Al Mishari said that the second phase of the insurance package would start on June 1, 1989 and would establish a single portfolio for the insurance covers of all three airlines.

Implementation of the first stage of the common insurance package would slash 50 per cent of KAC's insurance costs, Mishari said, adding that negotiations are underway with insurance companies to get substantial discount in the second and last phase.

Unveiling other common enterprises, Mishari said the

three airlines are discussing an Islamic cuisine that would cater for interested airlines of Islamic countries.

He added that other planes focus on jet fuel purchase with the aim of cutting fuel costs, and the operation of common services to Australia, Japan, Indonesia, and Taiwan.

Mishari pointed out that the view of 1992 goal of a single European market, a common approach is the best way for GCC airlines to maintain a fair share in the trade.

"We would not get our projected market share if we failed to pursue closer co-operation and polarisation," the KAC chairman went on.

Resources
Mishari also said that GCC airlines can pool resources in the fields of staff training, aircraft maintenance and spare parts.

In conclusion, he expressed hope that increasing co-operation between the GCC airlines would set the stage for a unified Arab Gulf airline.

London stocks sharply lower

Dollar loses ground and gold moves up

LONDON, Feb 22, (Reuters): The London Stock Exchange ended sharply lower today, tracking a slide on Wall Street prompted by a bigger-than-expected rise in US inflation.

US consumer prices started the year with a sharp 0.6 per cent rise in January, the largest monthly gain in two years and twice as high as December's increase.

The January increase in the consumer price index, the most widely used measure of inflation, was driven mostly by petrol, tobacco and certain food items.

Disturbing
US stocks were also hit by US Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan's remark in testimony to Senate Banking Committee that the latest inflation data was disturbing.

Economists had been forecast-

ing a rise of 0.5 per cent. Anything larger could take official US interest rates higher, dealers said.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was 27.14 points down at 2,299.29 points by New York's midday.

The dollar lost ground ending at 1.8375 marks and 126.65 yen in London compared with 1.8453 and 126.75 yen yesterday.

Rising German interest rates lifted the mark and dealers expected it to climb further. "Suddenly people are realising that the fundamentals here are quite good and interest rates are on the way up," one Frankfurt trader said. "The mark is likely to harden further."

Dealers said investors were negative about the dollar apparently deciding that Greens-

pan could have been tougher on inflation in congressional testimony in Washington.

On oil markets, Brent blend crude from Britain's North Sea fell in price by about 25 cents to \$16.05 a barrel for April delivery.

The US Treasury benchmark 30-year bond was quoted in late trading in London at 98-27/32 per cent yielding 9.11 per cent.

Encouraged

In Tokyo, share prices soared to a record close in brisk trade today as the yen's gains against the US dollar encouraged investment, brokers said.

"The fact that the yen recovered has held the market as a whole," said Chris Taylor, head of sales at Baring Securities (Japan) Ltd.

The main Nikkei stock surged 331.85 points, or 1.04 per cent, to

close at 32,311.93, just below the day's high of 32,312.62.

Yesterday's sharp fall also encouraged already bullish investors to go bargain-hunting, they said. The Nikkei fell 197.00 points yesterday.

Share prices of oil firms rose on reports that Japan may soon allow Saudi Arabia and Kuwait into its domestic oil sector in a bid to secure crude oil supplies, analysts said.

Lower

The US dollar ended mostly lower against other major currencies, continuing its weak trend overseas, but it was steady against sterling.

Congressional testimony by US Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan yesterday failed to inspire the Tokyo market and trading was featureless with

many dealers sidelined due to uncertainty over immediate direction.

"Sentiment for the dollar remains a bit weak, but its downward look limited by steady buying demand below 126.50 yen," one Japanese bank dealer said.

Entire

The dollar ended at 126.62 Japanese yen and 1.8383 West German marks against 127.11 yen and 1.8416 marks at yesterday's New York close.

Sydney brokers said the weaker Australian dollar continued to entice both overseas and local buyers to the share market.

Gold was trading at around \$386.25 an ounce in late afternoon Tokyo business, compared with \$385.75 at New York's close yesterday.

Economists expect inflation to pick up in '89

US consumer prices rise 0.6pc

WASHINGTON, Feb 22, (Reuters): US consumer prices started the year with a sharp 0.6 per cent rise in January, the largest monthly gain in two years and twice as high as December's increase, the Labour Department said today.

The January increase in the consumer price index, the most widely used measure of inflation, was driven mostly by petrol, tobacco and certain food items, especially meats, poultry and eggs.

The January increase, which was higher than most Wall Street economists had expected, was the highest since January 1987, when the index jumped 0.7 per cent. In December, it rose 0.3 per cent.

Reaffirmed

Last month's pick-up in price hikes was announced a day after Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan reaffirmed in testimony to Congress that the central bank is committed to keeping inflation in check.

The inflation rate was steady last year as consumer prices rose a modest 4.4 per cent, identical to their 1987 gain, despite last summer's drought.

But economists expect inflation to pick up in 1989, especially after the department reported earlier this month that producer prices soared 1.0 per cent in January, their biggest monthly jump in more than three years.

Many economists expect the Fed to react to mounting inflationary pressure by hiking interest rates, which it has been doing occasionally for nearly a year in an effort to slow the economy and hold prices in check.

New inflationary pressure this year is likely to come from energy costs, which were stable last year, in addition to existing upward price pressure in services, wages and imports, they said.

Much of the reason for the higher core inflation rate was a 4.8 per cent increase in the cost of services, including medical, transportation and shelter, which accounts for more than half of the CPI and reflects growing pressure by workers for higher wages, economists said.

Also, the so-called core rate of inflation, which excludes the

erratic prices of food and energy, rose 4.7 per cent last year, the biggest jump since 1984.

In January, the core rate of inflation rose 0.5 per cent, after a 0.4 per cent rise in December.

Energy prices rose 1.1 per cent in January, after a 0.9 per cent increase in December.

Petrol prices jumped 0.9 per cent last month following a 1.6 per cent December drop but were still 0.4 per cent below a year earlier. Home heating oil prices surged 0.1 per cent in January while natural gas prices advanced by 1.2 per cent.

Unemployment will remain high

EEC economy expected to remain strong in '89 and '90

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb 22, (AP): The economy of 12 countries in Western Europe grew by 3.7 per cent in 1988 and growth is expected to remain strong in 1989 and 1990 at rates of around three per cent, the EEC Commission said today.

But it warned this growth "could be at risk" unless the 12 states within the European Economic Community narrow with gaps between their current accounts, cut budget deficits or keep inflation down.

"Much improved supply-side conditions are providing a better base for growth," EEC budget commissioner Henning Christophersen said in an upbeat report.

Prospects
"Demand prospects remain good and confidence is supported by the prospects opened up by plans to create a single European market, with no internal borders, by the early 1990s," he said.

The report urged the 12 member states of the EEC to forge ahead with their single-market plan "to maintain the momentum already generated."

"The growth trend of around 2.5 per cent, recorded since 1983, has now been transformed into a growth path of around three per cent," the report said.

The EEC's 1988 average economic growth rate of 3.7 per cent was the community's best performance since 1976, the report said, and in line with improvements in the overall world economy.

Investments
The report estimated that the US economy would grow at 3.8 per cent in 1989 and at 2.75 per cent in 1990, while Japan's economy would grow at 5.6 per cent and four per cent in those years.

Christophersen told reporters his forecast assumes the US dollar will remain stable and no cuts will be made in the US bud-

get and trade deficits.

In addition to the single-market plan, he credited healthy investments for the healthy Western European economy.

"Growth is now more employment-creating than ever (with) a declining trend of unemployment," his report said.

It said in the 1986-1990 period, six million new jobs will be created in the 12 member states of which 1.4 million "will go to reducing unemployment."

But unemployment will remain high for the EEC as a whole: about 10.5 per cent in 1990, down only 1.2 points from the record rate of 11.7 per cent in 1986.

Christophersen said he was concerned about Japan's trade surplus and the United States' budget and trade deficits.

He said those twin problems had forced US interest rates up. "There is a risk there could be more protectionism and more

rate increases. The commission is arguing that something should be done to reduce these imbalances."

Within the EEC, his report isolated three problems areas: current account deficits in some countries, budget deficits in others and widely varying inflation rates.

Christophersen said the budget deficits in Spain and Portugal were less worrisome than in Britain.

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Christophersen said Britain's growing deficit was "more worrying because the increase was the result of an unsatisfactory savings rate."

His report gave these 1988 growth rates for the economies of the 12 member nations, with the

estimated growth rates for 1989 and 1990 in parentheses:

Belgium, 3.8 per cent (2.75, 3.0); Denmark, 0.2 (0.75, 1.75); West Germany, 3.4 (2.5, 3.0); Greece, 3.3 (2.5, 3.0); Spain, 4.9 (4.25, 3.75); France, 3.4 (3.0, 3.0); Ireland, 2.6 (3.25, 2.75); Italy, 3.8 (3.25, 3.5); Luxembourg, 3.2 (2.75, 2.5); Netherlands 3.0 (3.25, 2.25); Portugal, 4.2 (4.0, 4.0) and Great Britain, 4.1 (3.0, 2.0).

The report said inflation in the 12 nations varied last year ranging from up to 1.4 per cent in Belgium, the Netherlands and West Germany to around five per cent in Denmark and Italy, to 9.6 per cent in Portugal and 13.6 per cent in Greece.

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WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Feb 22, (Reuters): Stocks closed stronger and near the day's highs as the weaker local dollar continued to entice overseas and local buyers to the share market. The All Ordinaries index rose 11.5 points to 1,492.9.

TOKYO: The Nikkei index rose sharply to end near the day's high at a record close of 32,311.93, up 331.85 points. A higher yen encouraged already bullish investors.

HONG KONG: Share prices ended higher after a volatile day, encouraged by Tokyo's record close. The Hang Seng index rose 10.92 to 3,161.56.

SINGAPORE: The market closed higher as renewed buying interest and short-covering brought widespread gains in a day of active trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 7.22 to 1,138.75.

BOMBAY: Share prices closed higher on scattered institutional buying after the market opened cautiously. In textiles, Century rose 10 rupees to 1,550.

FRANKFURT: Shares dropped to 1989 lows in active trading after a Bundesbank securities repurchase allocation fuelled fears that domestic interest rates would rise. The DAX index closed at 1,292.17, off 15.35.

ZURICH: Prices closed mixed with a firmer bias. But buying was selective amid market concern that domestic interest rates would rise further. The All-Share Swiss index rose 1.1 to 980.8.

PARIS: Prices lost ground during nervous afternoon business, undermined by revived worries about higher interest rates worldwide.

US officials urge quick action to cut budget deficit

WASHINGTON, Feb 22, (Reuters): The White House and Congress began talks yesterday on President Bush's 1990 budget plan, with lawmakers and federal officials urging quick action to cut the deficit and agree to a spending plan for the upcoming year.

House Democratic leader Tom Foley emerged from an early-morning meeting between President Bush and congressional leaders saying it had produced a "continuing consensus on how to proceed" with the budget.

Consensus

But Foley said the meeting between Bush and Republican and Democratic congressional leaders had not dealt with specifics on how to achieve the \$8 billion to \$11 billion in spending cuts required by the Bush plan to make way for proposed expanded social programmes.

"We had a continuing concen-

sus on how to proceed, which is important," he said.

Both the White House and Congress were interested in a quick agreement on budget deficit reduction for the fiscal year beginning Oct 1 and could make major decisions on the issue within a few weeks, said Senator Pete Domenici of New Mexico, the senior Republican on the Senate Banking Committee.

Speaking at a committee hearing after the talks, Domenici said all parties involved were eager to reach a quick solution. "We can disagree for three, four, or five weeks and then arrive at some conclusion," he said.

Meanwhile, at a separate hearing, Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan stressed that expeditious and significant cuts in the budget deficit were essential to resolve the problems facing the American economy.

"I do not believe there is too

large a cut that can be done," Greenspan told the Senate Banking Committee.

White House budget director Richard Darman, in his first appearance before a congressional panel since Bush presented his budget proposal, countered charges by lawmakers that the administration has not presented enough details on its plan.

"I think it not only fair to say that we have presented a complete and detailed budget, but we have also submitted more data and explanation than any new president has done at a comparable stage," he said.

Fed chairman Greenspan said the risk involved in allowing the budget deficit — estimated to reach \$163 billion when the current fiscal year ends on Sept 30 — to go unacknowledged was unacceptable and the longer the problem was unresolved, the greater the risk to the financial system.

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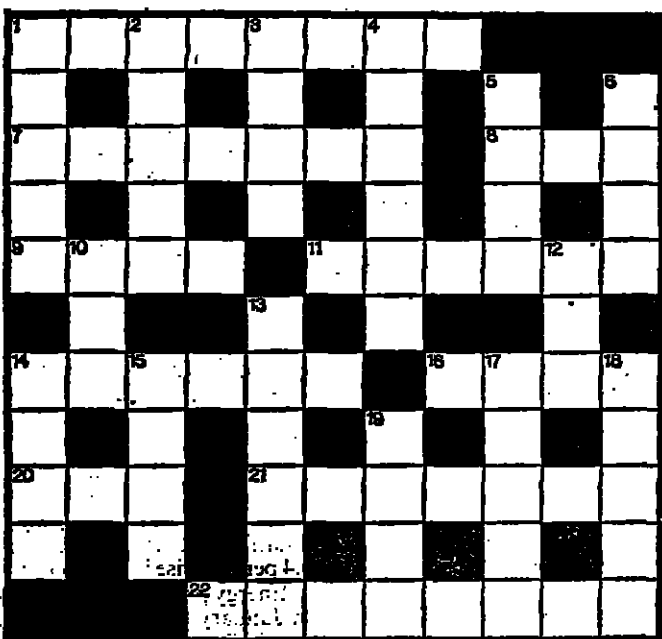
Often after a nice holiday Kuwait's beautiful streets become extremely dirty. It is such a shame to see this happen so often just because people are too lazy to pick up their mess when they are leaving.

If you go out with your family to participate in the National Day celebrations, make sure you are not responsible in making Kuwait messy. For you it will only take a few minutes to clear up your rubbish which is not much to ask for. But if you leave the place dirty it will take the cleaners a much longer time.

Let them enjoy holidays too. Don't make them feel disappointment due to extra work when everybody else is having a good time.

Manal

Crossword



Across

1. Ceremonially received into a church (8)
7. The common barnyard fowl (7)
8. Obtained possession of (3)
9. The extreme border (4)
11. Of inferior workmanship (6)
14. Annual act of parliament (6)
16. Lower, fleshy part of the ear (4)
20. Natural hazard worsened by smoke (3)
21. Barred cover over an aperture (7)
22. Device for holding back larger particles (8)

Down

1. Knock roughly with the shoulder (5)
2. One tooth of a fork (5)
3. Preposition of entry (4)
4. Of an unrefined character (6)
5. Having lived a long time (4)
6. Remain in a place (4)
10. The female of the rabbit (3)
12. To give a nickname to (3)
13. Bundle of sticks for fuel (6)
14. Fissure caused by sudden movement (4)
15. A young male attendant (4)
17. Vegetable with multiple skins (5)
18. Of a keen and willing disposition (5)
19. A festival occasion (4)

Solution on Tuesday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



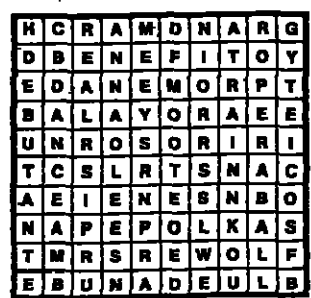
Kenneth George celebrates his second birthday on 23rd February. Heartly wishes from mum, dad, uncle Benjamin and Sharafella.



Geetha Siran Kalai celebrated her birthday on 13th Feb. Belated wishes from mum, dad and family.

Wordsearch

DANCING TIME



- REVERE BLUE DANUBE
DANCE DEBUTANTE
SUPERIOR WALTZ
FANS FLOWERS
GRAND MARCH
- OPERA BALL
PARTNER POLKAS PROMENADE
ROYAL
SOCIETY
TAILS TRAIN

Clue: Flowers (5 letters)

The magic poppy

"MAGIC! You never know where you'll find it. All over the place magic is. Every-where!"

Nanny Mulroy picked up her knitting, pulled the rug over her knees, and settled herself comfortably in the big arm-chair before the fire.

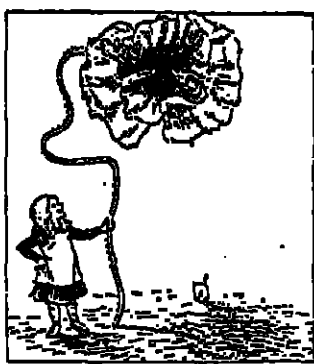
"I'll tell you something that happened to me, when I was quite young—not more than six or seven, I should think."

One day, very early in the morning, I decided to get my father some bait. It was his birthday on the Sunday and he was a keen fisherman. I put on my oldest clothes, and tip-toed down stairs to fetch the bait-pot, and a fork from the kitchen. I didn't want anyone to hear me—it was to be a surprise.

It was a beautiful summer morning, cool and fresh, with dew shining on the grass and a salty drying-mud smell coming in from the estuary. As I skipped along the lane, admiring the flowers, and kicking up a dust with my feet, I sang this song: *Giants are red, Giants are blue, I'd like to meet one, and so would you. Under the earth, over the sea. Up in the clouds, that's where I'll be.*

I'd found these queer lines in a book of my father's, entitled *Magic Rhymes*. There were lots more, but this was the one I liked best. So I sang it whenever I remembered, hoping that something magic and exciting would happen, which it did, as you shall hear.

I had got my bait—several fat lugworms wriggling in the jar—and was on the way home, when I noticed an extra large poppy growing all by itself at the side of the lane. I think I knew at once there was something strange about that poppy. It was so tall, nearly as tall as I was. The flower itself was huge, and glowed red against the green grass, like embers glowing in the dark. I'd never seen such a beautiful poppy. My mother would like to see it, I thought, I'll take it home to



show her. And I bent and picked it. I stood for a moment admiring the glossy petals and slender stem. It was as if all the poppies I'd ever seen or thought about were contained in this one flower. I must have stood there dreaming for some little time, and I jumped when a sudden rumble of thunder sounded, not very far away. Two crows, who had been picking over the stubble in the field behind me, flapped heavily into the air: and as they flew over me, I could have sworn I distinctly heard one of them croak, "Look out! Look out! Giants about! Giants about!"

Giants about? I thought, quite forgetting the song I had been singing earlier. I don't think I want to meet any giants just now; I'd better hide—and I climbed up into the hedge, which was very thick and deep at that point, and waited.

It was very quiet suddenly; too quiet! The birds had stopped singing, I noticed, and the sky had become black and threatening. Crash!—thunder pealed again, right over my head, it seemed. The trees and bushes which lined the lane began to stir and bend, and a cold wind rushed past me.

There is something coming, I thought, my heart missing a beat. Is it a giant? And as I crouched in the hedge hoping I could not be seen, I thought of the words of the song.

The ground beneath me began to tremble and shake. I had to hold on to the branches around me to keep my balance. Then, through the tangle of leaves, I saw a blur

of blue and red, and an enormous pair of legs striding towards me, up the lane. One, two—one, two! Oh, those great legs! Giant legs! Nearer and nearer they came. Then, instead of swinging steadily past me, and away, they began to slow down, until finally—Oh, horrors!—they came to a halt right beside me. He'd seen me! I was sure of it. Far above, a great voice shouted. I couldn't understand what he was saying at first, but gradually I made out the words.

"Where's the Magic Poppy gone?" The ground fairly shook. "The poppy, who's taken it?" roared the giant again.

I suppose he can see the broken stalk, I thought, flattening myself in the hedge, and putting my hands over my ears. At any moment I expected to be snatched up and crushed to bits. But after bellowing and stamping, and poking about in the hedge, he moved off down the lane, cursing and shouting threats.

Phew! I thought, feeling rather hot and uncomfortable. That was a near thing! I looked more carefully at the poppy I held in my hand.

"I'm sorry I picked you—if you're magic," I said. "But I didn't know. Are you magic?" I added, staring into that shining black eye at the centre.

It's difficult now, after all this long time, to describe the thin whispering voice that answered me. Very far away, yet very close; like leave rustling or a thought in one's own head.

"Magic?" came the reply. "Yes-yes-oh yes-magic..." I had to listen carefully to catch the words.

"Who else knows about you? Where do you come from? I mean I've never seen you before!" I said, all in a rush.

"Farrenfeugh," the whisper continued. "I am a Farrenfeugh-Poppy. There used to be lots of us, but now that the wicked Slingingiel has seized the throne, you know, I think I am the only Poppy left..."



"The Giant I just saw?" I interrupted. "How awful!" I didn't like to ask what had happened to the others. Twisting his beautiful red head up towards me, the Poppy continued:

"He keeps his poor sister, the Queen Bodina, and all her court confined in her palace, at the top of a high tower. And he has carried off the King, her husband... taken him... yes..." the faint voice trailed away, and I sat considering this sad story. The Poppy's head was drooping, and I could see he was beginning to wilt. I felt sorry for the poor King and Queen of Farrenfeugh, but it was more to cheer him up than anything that I said:

"Perhaps I could help?" There was a pause. The voice that answered me sounded a little stronger, a little more hopeful.

"Could you? Perhaps you could?" He seemed to be considering the idea.

"You would have to come with me now," he said; then, surprisingly, "Do you suffer from heights?" I shook my head.

"There's no time to lose, if you are coming. I'll just increase my size a little; I don't think I could lift you at all at the moment."

Lift me? What did he mean? I soon found out. I have told you that the Poppy was large, but I wasn't at all prepared for what happened next. He began to grow taller and taller in front of my very eyes, shooting up before me, twisting and tur-

ning on his green stalk. He must have been at least eight feet high by the time he stopped.

"Amazing!" I said at last, feeling quite dizzy.

"I can get bigger than this," the Poppy said, his voice deep and booming now. "But I think this will do. Hold on! It's not difficult—we float away—like this!" I held on, as I was told, and was borne up and up, into the tranquil morning sky. I wasn't exactly pulled along; rather we floated together, the Poppy guiding me. Butterflies flitted past us, and occasionally swallows darting after them. Faint noises came up from the country beneath us; my legs trailed out behind me, and we floated higher and higher.

There was a faint haze over the land below, so it was difficult to pick out any landmarks. We drifted on and on, the Poppy waving his petals like a jelly-fish in the sea. Stars began to appear, cold and wet-looking, although it was daytime. I tried to touch one or two, but somehow I never could; even though they seemed near enough. Just as I was beginning to feel rather sleepy, the Poppy said, "Here we are," and looking down I saw some roofs and turrets, and a high stone tower sticking up out of the trees. In the corner of the tower was a heavy wooden door.

(To be continued)

Ha! Ha!

What goes black and white and black and white and black and white and black and white...?
A penguin rolling down a hill.

What goes white and black and white and black and white and black and white and black...?
A nun rolling down a hill.

What is grey and has four legs and a trunk?
A mouse going on holiday.

Did you hear about the Irish dog which sat down to gnaw a bone?
When it got up it only had three legs...

If a flea and a fly pass each other, what time is it?
Fly past flea.

Why did the man take a pencil to bed?
To draw the curtains... I'd tell you another joke about a pencil but it hasn't any point.

What happened when a man bought a paper shop?
It blew away.

What time did the Chinaman go to the dentist?
Two-thirty. (Tooth hurt-tee)

Why did the burglar take a shower?
He wanted to make a clean getaway.

What's stupid and yellow?
Thick custard.

What's big and yellow and eats rocks?
A big yellow rock eater.

What did the Father Phone say to the Son Phone?
You're too young to be engaged.

What happened to the man who stole a calendar?
He got twelve months.

KEN: How long can a person live without a brain?
BEN: How old are you?

What is a water otter?
An electric kettle.

Colour me

Proud!



DOT-TO-DOT

Night Owl.



Bookmaking

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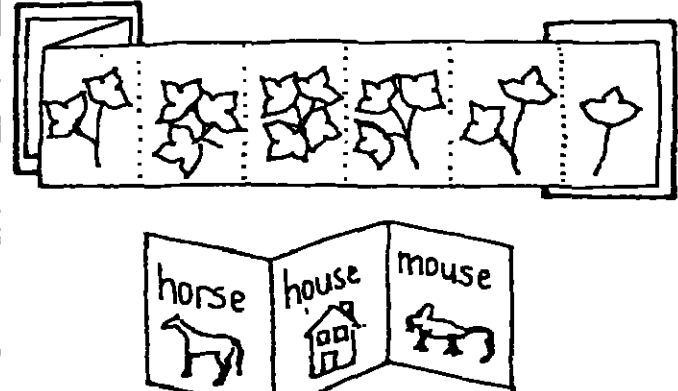
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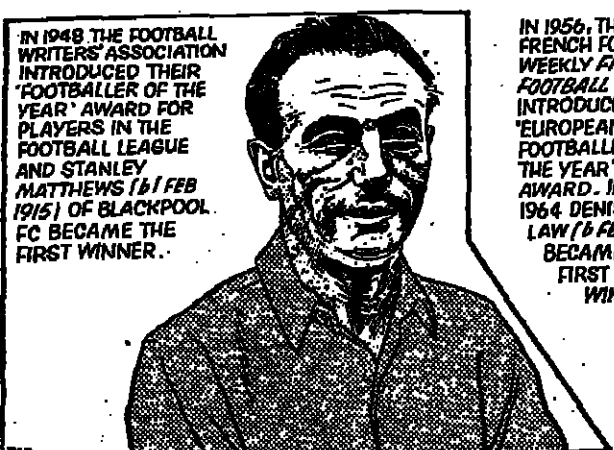
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Fold out book

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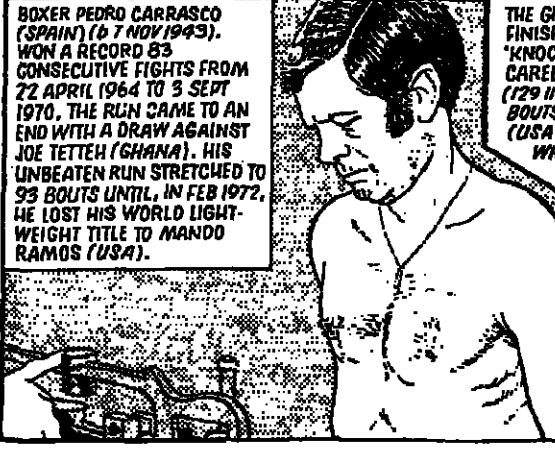
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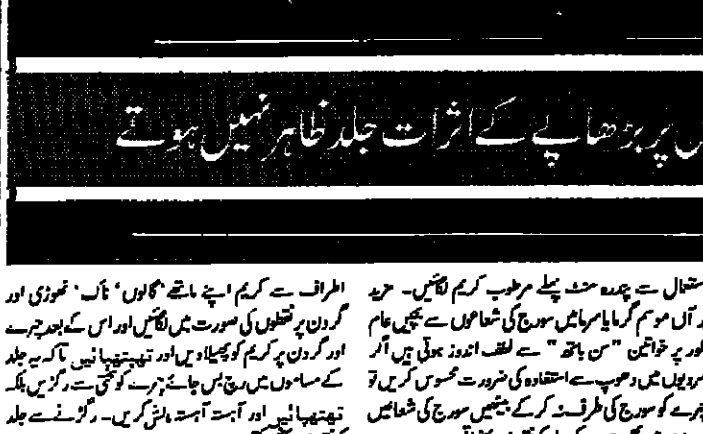
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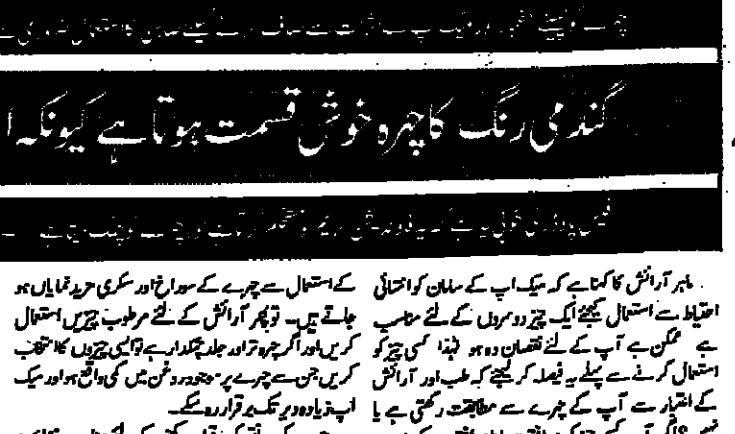
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Speedbird Trophy

THE British Airways Speedbird Trophy match between a Great Britain XI and a Pakistan XI has been rescheduled and will now be held on Friday, March 24, 1989 at the KOC New Ground Ahmad, commencing at 9.30 am.

Rahman Trophy

THE KOC knockout 'B' cup for the Rahman Trophy has also been rescheduled. The semifinal between Hubara and CCK will be held on Friday, February 24, 1989 on the KOC New Ground Ahmad, commencing at 9 am. The winners will play Flying Arrows on the KOC New Ground Ahmad on Saturday, February 25, 1989, also commencing at 9 am.

Festival match

THE annual festival cricket match being arranged for National Day has been postponed due to the sudden demise of KCL president Sajid Rizvi's mother. New date will be announced later on.

Soviets triumph

SOFIA, Feb 22, (UPI): Bulgaria 1 (Kostadinov 22nd), Soviet Union 2 (Boroduk 34th, Rats 55th) (friendly soccer international).

Top boxer

CARACAS, Feb 22, (Reuters): Junior-bantamweight Kaosai Galaxy of Thailand was named Boxer of the Month for January by the World Boxing Association (WBA) in their monthly rankings.

Soccer clubs

BRUSSELS, Feb 22, (Reuters): European soccer clubs should drop their system of transfer fees and allow players to move freely between European Economic Community clubs, a member of the European Parliament (MEP) said today.

Polish defector

COLOGNE, West Germany, Feb 22, (Reuters): Andrzej Rudy, one of Poland's top players before he defected to the West last November, has joined West German First Division club Cologne.

Equestrian events

LISBON, Feb 22, (Reuters): Portugal is ready to stage the equestrian events of the 1992 Olympics if Barcelona is ruled out because of the outbreak of African-horse disease, the president of the Portuguese Olympic Committee said yesterday.

French squad

MARSEILLE, France, Feb 22, (Reuters): France today postponed until Sunday the announcement of their squad for the Five Nations Rugby Union clash against England at Twickenham on March 4.

Timman quits

LINARES, Spain, Feb 22, (Reuters): Dutchman Jan Timman resigned as vice-president of the Chess Grandmasters Association (GMA) in a row with Soviet world champion Garry Kasparov over the next world championships, a chess official said yesterday.

Morning Stars to face ICC in cricket final

MORNINGSTARS will meet Iz Company for Commerce and Exchange (ICCE) in the finals of Western Geophysical Cricket Trophy at the Airport ground on Saturday, Feb 25.

The tournament is sponsored by Al Yabda Trading and Contracting Company and Mick Gallospy, Manager of Geophysical Company. It will be a 45-overs-a-side affair, starting at 9.00 am. Each bowler is allowed to bowl a maximum of nine overs in the match. The two teams are:

Morning Stars: Anjum Raza (captain), Ejaz Ahmed, Abdul Razzak, Inam ul Islam, Dawood Beg, Masood Thekdar, Shabbir, Aftab Mahmood, Ansar Mahmood, Amjad Bashir, Masood Ahmed, Shahid Maqbool, Qayyum Majid and Pervaz. The team manager is Shamraz Ahmed.

Iz Co. Club: Mansoor Khan (captain), Shahid Pervaz Khan, Aqueel Ashraf, Raffat Khan, Pervaz Aslam, Nasir Ahmed, Rashid Ansari, Arshad Shams, Amin Ehsan, Tariq Anjum, Shahid Butt and Zamin Naqvi. The team manager is Gulam Hussain.

The umpires for the match will be Waqar Ahmed and Mohammad Ashfaq.

BRIDGE
RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club held on Tuesday at the Holiday Inn:

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2. Sami & Anwar
3. Ravi & Mukherjee
A marathon bridge will be held tomorrow at 3.00 p.m. at Sheraton Hotel.

SPURS STOP NORWICH FROM CLOSING GAP AT TOP

Coventry surprise Arsenal

LONDON, Feb 22, (Reuters): Arsenal were beaten for the first time in 12 League matches last night but retained a four-point lead in the English soccer First Division as nearest challengers Norwich also lost.

The Gunners were beaten 1-0 at Coventry but London neighbours Tottenham Hotspur did them a favour by defeating second-placed Norwich 2-1.

Coventry captain Brian Kilcline failed to convert a penalty with the match barely a minute old but made ample amends eight minutes from time after Arsenal defender Steve Bould handled a Brian Borrows free-kick.

Thumped

Kilcline, whose first penalty effort had cannoned off goalkeeper John Lukic's legs, thumped the ball well wide of the keeper's right hand to hoist Coventry into third place, 11 points behind Arsenal and seven behind Norwich.

Spurs took the lead against Norwich after 13 minutes through Paul Gascoigne but Trevor Putney equalised in the 52nd minute, tapping the ball home after Tottenham's Norwegian goalkeeper Erik Thorstvedt could only parry a shot by



Waddle (centre): scored the winner for Spurs

Dale Gordon.

England international winger Chris Waddle, who had troubled the Norwich defence throughout, grabbed the Spurs winner 25 minutes from the end with a narrow-angled shot to consign Norwich to only their second

away defeat of the season.

The win lifted Spurs out of relegation-threatened bottom six into 11th place in the 20-strong First Division.

Fellow-Londoners Millwall, surprise early-season leaders, ended a run of three successive

home defeats to beat Middlesbrough 2-0 and move up to fifth place thanks to a goal from Les Biley and an own goal by Tony Mowbray.

Results

English Division One	
Coventry	1 Arsenal 0
Millwall	2 Middlesbrough 0
Tottenham	2 Norwich 1
English Division Two	
Blackburn	3 Oxford 1
Ipwich	2 Barnsley 0
Scottish Premier Division	
St Mirren	3 Hibernian 1
English Division Three	
Aldershot	0 Bristol City 1
Scottish Division One	
Morton	2 Falkirk 2
Scottish Division Two	
Postponed: Dumbarton v Berwick, East Fife v Cowdenbeath.	
English Division One score table after matches played last night (tabulated under — played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):	
Arsenal	15 6 4 50 25 51
Norwich	25 13 8 4 37 27 47
Coventry	25 11 7 7 34 25 40
Manchester U	24 10 9 5 34 19 39
Millwall	24 11 6 7 37 30 39
Notis Forest	24 9 11 4 34 26 38
Liverpool	23 9 9 5 30 30 36
Derby	23 10 5 8 26 35 35
Everton	24 8 9 7 29 33 33
Wimbledon	23 9 5 9 27 30 32
Tottenham	25 7 9 9 36 37 30
Aston Villa	25 7 9 9 34 38 30
Middlesbrough	25 8 11 30 38 30
Luton	24 7 8 9 27 29 29
Southampton	25 6 10 9 37 47 28
Q.P.R.	24 6 11 24 26 26
Charlton	24 5 10 26 35 24
Sheffield Wed.	24 5 10 19 34 24
Newcastle	24 5 13 21 43 21
West Ham	23 4 5 14 20 41 17

Syria beat Costa Rica

Saudi Arabia rout Portugal

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, Feb 22, (AP): Saudi Arabia turned on a first-rate performance to defeat Portugal 3-0 but still failed to qualify for the second stage of the World Youth Soccer Cup. The half-time score was 0-0.

Two second-half goals within five minutes put the Saudi team in a strong position. Khaled Al Harbi got the opener in the 50th and Khalid Al Roaishi added another in the 55th.

Hamad Al Debaikhi netted the Saudis' third goal in the 82nd.

Qualified

Portugal, with four points from its first two games, already had qualified from Group A for the knock-out quarterfinal round of the four-group, 16-team international tournament.

Even before the match, hosts Saudi Arabia were already out of the competition after losing both their first two games.

The match was played at the King Fahd International Stadium, named after the ruling Saudi monarch.

Portugal turned in a lacklustre performance, allowing Saudi Arabia lots of space to manoeuvre.

The Saudis lost 2-1 to Nigeria and 1-0 to Czechoslovakia in earlier Group A play, failing to live up to their reputation as an emerging soccer power.

Portugal's defenders ineptly allowed Mansour Al Muwaine a left flank run so that an unmarked Al Harbi unchecked could boot his pass into the roof of the net.

Ahmad J. Madani set up the second Saudi goal with a short cross to Saud Al Hammali who chipped into the penalty area.

Sadoun Al Suraiti and Fernando Couto clashed for the ball but Al Roaishi was in place to head home a rebound off the cross-bar.

Jabarti Al Shamrani, who was replaced by Hamad Al Debaikhi in the 81st tested goal-keeper Jose Bizarro with a fierce drive.

One minute after coming on.

Al Debaikhi raced to pick up an angled cross from Sadoun Al Suraiti and drive through the Portugal defenders for the third goal.

In Jeddah, Brazil cruised to an easy 3-1 victory against the United States to qualify from Group C.

Half-time score was 2-1. Brazil, hot favourites for the under-19 world title, went through to the knockout quarter-final round without dropping a point.

Troy Dayak headed the opening goal for the US in the 10th minute. Marcelo Henrique dos Santos set up Bismark Barreto Faria's equaliser in the 39th and scored himself in the 44th.

He also laid on a neat pass for Anderson de Silva to shoot Brazil's third goal in the 55th.

And in Damman, Syria scored three first-half goals to down Costa Rica today in Group B play.

Knicks outlast Rockets

NEW YORK, Feb 22, (AP): Patrick Ewing's basket and free throw with 23 seconds left broke a tie and the New York Knicks beat the Houston Rockets 120-115 last night for their 19th consecutive home victory.

A 3-point goal by Mark Jackson, who had 23 points and 15 assists, gave New York a 106-95 lead with 9:18 left, but the Rockets rallied with a 20-9 run to tie the game 115-115 with 42 seconds left.

The Knicks, now 22-1 at Madison Square Garden this season, then got the ball to Ewing for his three-point play, giving him 20 points. Johnny Newman's two free throws completed the scoring.

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Tyson unruffled by former trainer's lawsuit

LAS VEGAS, Feb 22, (Reuters): Mike Tyson appeared unfazed yesterday after having a \$10 million lawsuit served on him by his former trainer, Kevin Rooney, who says the heavy-weight champion broke their contract by firing him.

Rooney, who says he has a verbal contract with Tyson, is asking for losses he has already suffered and will incur if he does not train the undefeated champion. Rooney's lawyer, Edward Orenstein, told Reuters in a telephone interview from New York.

"We are asking for a minimum of \$10 million or an amount to be set by the court," Orenstein said. Orenstein said Tyson had been served with the suit late on Monday night. He said a process server had spent several days trying to get close enough to hand the papers to the champion, who had been expecting the suit.

Familiar
Tyson, who defends his title on Saturday against Briton Frank Bruno, has recently become almost as familiar with lawsuits as he is with left hooks.

The champion has sued his manager, been sued for divorce by his ex-wife, been threatened by a suit from fighter Mitch Green after Tyson punched him on a street corner last year, and now faces the Rooney action.

The champion, who appeared more relaxed yesterday than he has in recent months, brushed off his latest tilt with the legal process by telling reporters that Rooney lost any chance of reconciliation with the lawsuit.



Tyson listens to a reporter's question at a press conference. (Reuters wirephoto)

"I had nothing personal against him. It's just that he did something unprofessional. He went out of the way to make it personal (with the lawsuit)," Tyson said at a news conference

yesterday. "Now he never has a chance to be involved with me again. Never."

Tyson fired Rooney several months ago for making what the undefeated champion con-

sidered to be improper remarks about his private life.

Rooney had told reporters that Tyson should reconcile with his then estranged wife, actress Robin Givens, from whom he was divorced on Valentine's Day. Rooney also said Tyson's manager, Bill Cayton, had done a good job for the fighter.

Tyson has accused Cayton of stealing money from him and is suing him to break their contract. Cayton has denied the charges and no evidence has surfaced to support Tyson's claim.

Rooney has been replaced by Jay Bright, a friend of both Tyson and his former trainer, who had never before trained a professional fighter.

"We're working under the assumption that he (Rooney) had a legal and binding contract," Orenstein said. "There was an offer, an acceptance and a consideration."

He said the suit was filed last week in US district court in Albany, New York, near Catskill where Rooney is living and where Tyson learned to fight as a teenager.

Orenstein said Tyson has 20 days to respond to the papers and added that Rooney would be willing to settle out of court.

"But we're not dilly dallying about this thing," Orenstein said. "We intend to prosecute this vigorously."

Rooney said that he has tried to reach Tyson in recent months but the champion has not returned his calls.

He said Tyson was "not doing the right thing," by replacing him



Bin Sulayem: with his new Toyota Celica

Sulayem fit to take part in Kuwait Rally

MIDDLE EAST champion Mohammed Bin Sulayem heads for the Kuwait International Rally next month fully recovered from the incident which halted his progress in the first round of the 1989 FISA Middle East Championship in Qatar.

Bin Sulayem, who jarred his back when his Winston Toyota Celica GT collided with a boulder that appeared in the middle of the rally route, returned to Dubai from a visit to a specialist in Germany and said: "I've been given a clean bill of health and I'm looking forward to testing the new Group A car in Kuwait."

Flown

The Winston Toyota Celica was badly damaged in the incident and is currently being rebuilt in Europe. "It will be flown in just a few days before the rally," said the Dubai driver.

This means that Bin Sulayem's only experience of the car — a

very different vehicle to the old Group B Celica — will be the stages driven in Qatar where he was declared second when the rally was stopped immediately after the collision.

"I was very pleased with the performance of the new Celica," he said. "Not having driven it before, it took me some time to get used to it. I was getting faster all the time, but the rock put a halt to all that."

For Kuwait, the Winston Toyota star will be reunited with his regular co-driver, Ireland's Ronan Morgan, who was unable to compete in Qatar. "Hassan Ali did an excellent job in Qatar and I'm very grateful to him for standing in," added Bin Sulayem.

With much of the route consisting of sandy stages, the Kuwait International Rally on March 16-17 will suit the four-wheel-drive Celica and Bin Sulayem is hoping to repeat his victory of last year.

Coach may testify against Johnson, says agent

TORONTO, Feb 22, (Reuters): Ben Johnson's Canadian agent said yesterday he believes coach Charlie Francis will tell a federal inquiry that the disgraced sprinter knowingly took steroids before running at the Seoul Olympics.

"I have a strong suspicion Francis is going to come out and testify that Ben was on a steroid programme," said Glen Calkins. Calkins said he has talked to the coach several times since Johnson was stripped of his Olympic 100 metres gold medal after failing a doping test in Seoul last September.

"I just kind of have a feeling that Charlie Francis and others are going to testify that Ben took steroids and he knew it," Calkins said in a telephone interview.

Inquiry

Francis, expected to testify next Tuesday when athletics and the Johnson scandal take centre stage at the Canadian inquiry into drug use by amateur athletes, has not spoken publicly since returning to Canada from Seoul.

Neither coach nor his lawyer could be reached for comment on Calkins' remarks.

Johnson has denied he knowingly took the steroid stanozolol, detected in his urine sample after he won the Olympic 100-metre final in world record time. Calkins, saying he last spoke to his client about a month ago,

did not speculate on what Johnson would tell the investigation. Robert Armstrong, the federal commission's senior lawyer, said the athletics section of the inquiry "will be in three segments: Ben Johnson, other Canadians and international."

He said a lawyer representing Johnson's US rival, Carl Lewis, has tentatively agreed to discuss what evidence the American may bring to the inquiry.

Armstrong said he planned to ask the court to order Johnson's doctor, George Mario (Jamie) Astaphan, to testify from his home on the Caribbean island of St Kitts.

The doctor, under investigation by the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, has denied that he administered the stanozolol found in Johnson's urine.



Griffith Joyner hugs her award. (Reuters wirephoto)

Griffith Joyner takes Jesse Owens award

NEW YORK, Feb 22, (Reuters): American Florence Griffith Joyner, the fastest woman in the world, was named winner yesterday of the 1989 Jesse Owens International Trophy award, the sports awards' executive director announced.

Griffith Joyner outpointed fellow finalists Matt Biondi, the US Olympic swimming star, and Grand Slam and Olympic tennis champion Steffi Graf of West Germany in balloting by an international panel.

Excellence

The award, named after the 1936 American quadruple Olympic champion, is presented each year to "the athlete who best personifies excellence in athletic per-

Starlite beat Rising Stars for semifinals

STARLITE reached the semifinals of the sixth annual Y.R.C. Football Tournament with an upset 5-3 victory over hosts Rising Stars at the Soor grounds earlier this week.

Incredible, G.C.A. and Strikers also made the last four when they beat B.O.C., Maroons and Al Othman respectively. Rising, one of the favourites, have only themselves to blame for their defeat.

Rising's Javed had the Starlite goalkeeper at his mercy a number of times but shot wide every time. Rising took the lead through Raju while Mazhar got the equaliser for Starlite.

Rising dominated the rest of the game but failed to score. The game went to a penalty shootout, from which Starlite emerged winner.

Flicked

Strikers were made to fight for their victory by Al Othman. They went ahead in the 9th minute when Varghese rounded a couple of defenders and then flicked the ball into the corner of the net. The second goal was also scored by Varghese.

Strikers will now meet G.C.A. in the semifinals. G.C.A. beat Maroons 2-0. Vijay scored the first goal and Gabral the second.

Incredible had to wait until the extra time to overcome a tough B.O.C. side. Jovito scored the only goal of the match.

On Friday, Starlite meet Incredible at 7.00 am while Strikers face G.C.A. at 8.30 am.

Karpov scores first victory

LINARES, Spain, Feb 22, (Reuters): Former world champion Anatoly Karpov notched up his first win in an international chess tournament here yesterday, beating Alexander Beliavsky of the Soviet Union after 39 moves in an English opening.

Vasily Ivanchuk took the overall lead after the third round, beating British grandmaster Nigel Short after 40 moves in a Ruy Lopez opening.

Third round results: Vasily Ivanchuk (Soviet Union) beat Nigel Short (Britain) Anatoly Karpov (Soviet Union) beat Alexander Beliavsky (Soviet Union)

Artur Yusupov (Soviet Union) drew against Johan Hjar-tarson (Iceland) in a rec opening after 20 moves

Andrei Sokolov (Soviet Union) drew against Ljubomir Ljubolevic (Yugoslavia) in a Sicilian defence after 20 moves

Boris Gulkov (Soviet Union) adjourned against Lajos Portisch (Hungary) with Portisch in advantage after an English opening.

SPORTS

HOCKEY

World Stars overcome Independent for semifinals

WORLD STARS overcame Kuwait Independent Gold 2-1 to reach the semifinals of the Al Mulla Mitsubishi League knockout hockey tournament at the Ahmadi hockey grounds earlier this week.

World Stars, by this victory, topped Group A but Kuwait Independent also qualified for the next round by finishing second. In the semifinals World Stars meet Unity while Al Hilal take on Kuwait Independent Gold.

Rewarded

Independent, knowing that a win would put them on top of their group, went all out for victory from the start of the game. They were rewarded when Mario put them ahead.

World Stars fought back and got the equaliser through Hassan off a Jaffery pass. Jaffery got the winner for World Stars a few minutes later.

Meanwhile, Unity defeated Al Hilal 1-0 to reach the semifinals of the Al Hilal Cup. The teams were evenly balanced. The first half ended scoreless.

The winner came in the second half of the extra time through Liaquat, who connected a pass by Iftikhar.

Battled

In the second match of the same trophy, Cosmos and Kuwait Independent battled to a goalless draw in the normal and extra time. In the resulting penalty shoot-out, Cosmos emerged victorious. They will meet Unity in the semifinals.

Tomorrow, Punjab meet Kuwait Independent Black at 2.15 pm while Flying Arrows face Kuwait Independent Gold and World Stars take on Unity at 3.15 pm.

CHANG REACHES THIRD ROUND

Srejber upsets Rostagno

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22. (UPI) No. 13 seed Derek Rostagno was upset but six other seeded players, including No. 9 Michael Chang, advanced yesterday to the third round of the \$602,500 Ebel US Pro Indoor tennis championships.

Rostagno, who is ranked 39th in the world, was ousted by 66th-ranked Milan Srejber of Czechoslovakia, 6-3, 6-4. Chang, who turned 17 today, defeated Richey Reneberg, 6-1, 7-5.

Advanced

In other second-round matches, seventh-seeded Amos Mansdorf topped John Letts, 6-4, 6-3. 10th-seeded Christo van Rensburg beat Sammy Giammalva, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3). 12th-seeded Paul Anascone defeated Joey Rive, 6-0, 6-3. 15th-seeded Jim Courier advanced when Ramesh Krishnan withdrew because of an injury. No. 16 David Pate outlasted Pete Sampras, 2-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3 and Tim Mayotte beat

Tom Nijssen.

In the completion of the first round, Scott Davis defeated 17-year-old Goran Ivanisevic of Yugoslavia, 6-3, 6-4, and Jim Pugh topped Tim Wilkinson, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).

Srejber needed only 53 minutes to upset Rostagno as he used eight service aces and 12 service winners to his best advantage.

In the second set, Srejber took a 5-4 lead on an ace, then won the match when Rostagno hit a backhand volley into the net.

Chang, who climbed to the 25th spot in the latest rankings after losing in the semifinals of last week's tournament in Memphis, Tennessee, had little trouble in the first set against Reneberg, winning the first five games.

In the second set, Chang jumped to a 4-1 lead but Reneberg fought back to tie at 5-5. Chang held his service, then broke Reneberg in the next game when

Reneberg hit a backhand long.

"In the first set and a half, he was just missing a lot of balls," said Chang, who reached the round of 16 at last year's US Open, becoming the youngest player to win a match in that tournament. "I think he was tired because he played a late match last night."

Chang said he had a little difficulty adjusting to the supreme court surface used for the tournament.

Suffered

"In Memphis, it was a little slow and the ball bounced high," he said. "Here the new supreme causes a skipping type of ball and it doesn't come up as well. I'm having a little trouble with the high balls."

Mansdorf trailed 1-4 in the first set but then took five straight games, largely due to an effective serve. Mansdorf had seven of his 10 aces in the first set, including one of them on set

point.

In the second set, Mansdorf won the last four games, breaking Letts' service to take the match.

Courier advanced to the third round without playing a point when Krishnan withdrew because of a back injury suffered in his first-round victory over Marty Davis.

Sampras, 17, blew a break point in the third set of his match to fall behind Pate 3-4, then was broken in the next game on two double-faults to enable Pate to serve out the set for the victory.

Mayotte returned to the scene of former triumphs on Tuesday and scored a 6-4 6-2 second-round victory over Nijssen of the Netherlands.

"There is always a feeling of confidence returning to a site or a city where you have done well and I feel that here," said Mayotte, who won this event the past two years.

Savchenko and Magers triumph

OAKLAND, Feb. 22. (Reuters) Fourth seed Larisa Savchenko of the Soviet Union battled past American Peanut Harper 7-5 6-2, but sixth-seeded South African Elna Reinach was a first-round loser at the \$250,000 California Tennis Tournament.

American Gretchen Magers scored a 6-4 6-7 6-3 upset of Reinach to advance to a second-round encounter with Puerto Rico's Gigi Fernandez, who coasted past American Kim Steinmetz 6-1 6-3.

American Robin White also advanced with a hard-fought 3-6 6-3 7-6 victory over Isabelle Demongeot of France. After three tough sets, White sailed through the deciding tiebreak 7-1.

Also moving into the second round was American Katrina Adams, who rallied from a break down in the final set to defeat compatriot Beth Herr 6-2 2-6 7-5.

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Hattemore wins Laser Open

MIKE HATTEMORE won the first Laser Open meeting of 1989 held off Messilah Beach Hotel earlier this week.

Fine weather and a light to moderate north-westerly breeze provided the setting for the event which was hosted by Messilah Beach Laser Club.

Twelve Laser sailors signed on for the series including welcome entries from Kubbar Yacht Club and Fintas Sea Scouts.

All starts were keenly contested with Hattemore and Mohammed Saheb (Fintas Sea

Scouts) in particular showing consistent form over the four-race weekend.

Taking three firsts and one second place, Hattemore secured the overall Winners Trophy.

Dave Clark improved on his Thursday placing by sailing consistently well during Friday's races to take the Runner-up Trophy.

A close third was Mohammed Saheb who had, unfortunately, picked up penalty points as a result of a protest in Race 2. The Novice Trophy went to Dave

Reeve after an impressive third place in Race 2.

Kuwait's Laser sailors will be meeting up once again in two weeks time as entrants in the National Day Dinghy Regatta at Salmiya Sea Sports Club. As the largest racing one design fleet in Kuwait, the Laser Class promises a close, exciting competition.

Tomorrow, with no series scheduled, the Messilah Beach Laser Club is organising a Team-Race event as part of the National Day Regatta.



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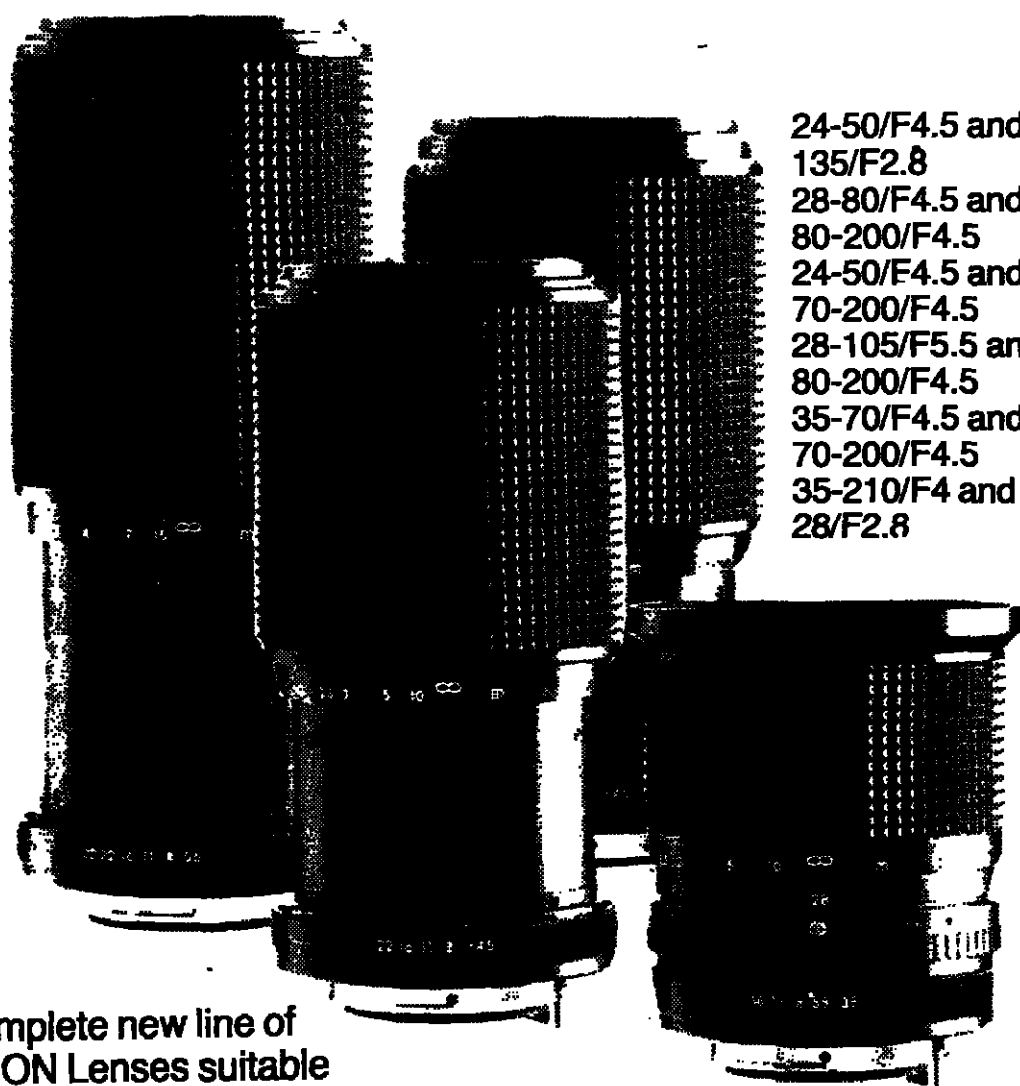
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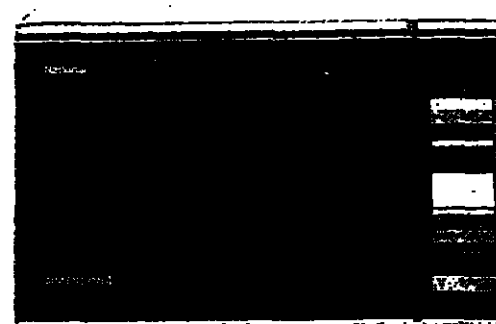
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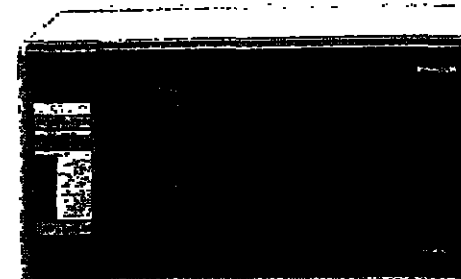
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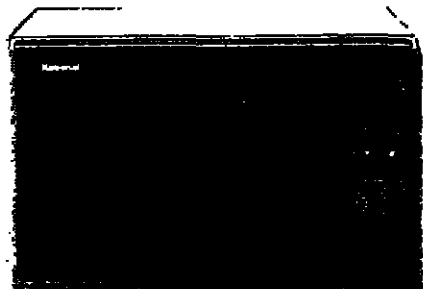
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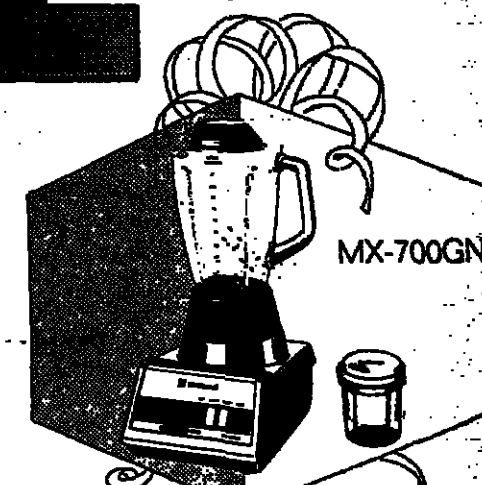


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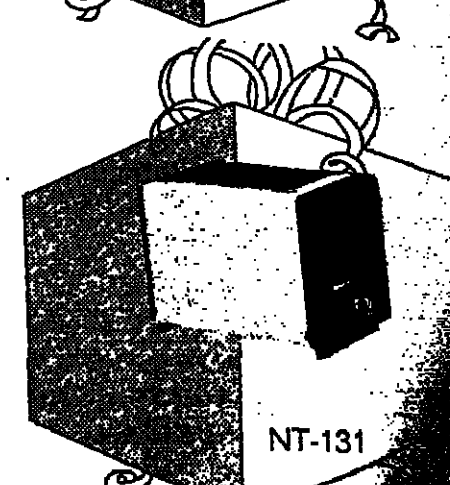
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